

## GPS for the Journey

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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### GATHERING

Opening Song - Old Rugged Cross

*During the singing, a large lighted candle may be carried in and placed in a stand.*

### On a Hill Far Away *The Old Rugged Cross*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Old Rugged Cross'. It consists of seven staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first four staves contain the main body of the song, and the last three staves are marked as the 'Refrain'.

I On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,  
the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.

*Refrain*  
So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my  
tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged  
cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Text: George Bennet, 1873-1958

Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennet, 1873-1958

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for your mercy endures forever.  
You know us and call us by name.  
You call us to journeys unknown to us.  
By your Holy Spirit, guide us:  
our steps,  
our hearts,  
our actions.  
Bless our life's journey and those we meet on the way,  
sustain us in our travels,  
and grant us peace through Christ Jesus,  
our hope and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

Like Moses, God calls us to journey into the wilderness. Lent invites us to:  
a time to practice the way of Jesus,  
a time to wonder and wander,  
a time to do the things that make for peace,  
a time to turn away from selfishness,  
a time to listen for the voice of God,  
that knows you by name and calls you beloved.  
Our mighty compass on this journey.

We have gathered to pray.  
We are invited to sit and contemplate  
in silence and stillness  
as the Holy Spirit tunes our hearts to hear God's voice.

Our prayer is woven of silence, scripture, and song.  
In our contemplation, and in our sighs too deep for words,  
we are breathing prayer to God  
and becoming living intercessions for those whom we pray.

In a while, you will be invited to come light a candle to be placed in the sand boxes.  
Please try not to all gather at once; there will be plenty of time to do this as we pray and  
as we listen to music. Come at your own pace to light a candle, a sign of your prayer  
before God.

## WORD

Scripture gives witness to the depths of the wilderness.  
God draws people near to it from the corners of the earth.  
It is the place where Jesus is tempted.  
The wilderness disorients our plans, yet reorients our pathways,  
getting lost only to be found once more.  
We are hitting the trail.  
What will you encounter on the journey?

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## O God, We Call

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from". The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and features a steady eighth-note bass line. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you." The vocal line ends with a long note on the word "you". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

Text and music: Linnea Good

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The psalmist writes:

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.  
Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!  
Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.  
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Psalm 25:4-10

Response: **Guide our path as we journey.**  
*Silence*

A reading from Mark:

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee  
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.  
The moment he came out of the water,  
he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit,  
looking like a dove, come down on him.  
Along with the Spirit, a voice:  
"You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

At once, this same Spirit pushed Jesus out into the wild.  
For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by Satan.  
Wild animals were his companions, and angels took care of him.

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee  
preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here.  
Change your life and believe the Message."

Mark 1:9-15 (*The Message*)

Response: **Guide our path as we journey.**  
*Silence*

Reflection/homily

### **INVITATION TO THE CROSS**

*During the invitation, the bearer lights one candle in the container of sand.*

Come, you who walk in shadows  
and wait for light's revelation.

Come, you who long for truth  
to know and follow God's voice.

Come, you who long for courage  
to brave the elements of the wilderness  
in journeys unknown.  
Come, you who long for grace  
to find it on the tree where they nailed him.

Come as you are drawn to pray.  
Light a candle. Stay as long as you desire.  
While you are seated, lift your prayers in silent song.

### PRAYER AT THE CROSS

*When you feel so moved, please come light a candle and place it in the sandbox.*

## O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*" The second system includes the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me. *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*"

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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## Come and Fill Our Hearts *Confitemini Domino*



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!



Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community

Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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# Kyrie eleison

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for the Kyrie eleison. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system has the lyrics "Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son." written below the notes. The second system has the lyrics "Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son." written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

Text: Traditional

Music: Marty Haugen, from *Gift of God*

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## MEAL

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **The Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, the glory, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray,

God of the wilderness,  
you call us by name to places unknown,  
asking us to trust your voice and the Spirit that guides us.  
Teach us your paths and lead us to your truths.

Be true to your promise  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

Your love is honest about the wilderness  
Of becoming and belonging  
Without knowing much of anything for certain,  
Only that you are willing to try with all your heart.

God bless you and keep you as you journey.

**Amen.**

You may leave quietly or stay a while to pray. When you go, go in peace. God is near.

*The room stays quiet and dark until all have finished praying. Music may continue a while after the dismissal or may end, leaving people to pray in silence.*





How does the Bible, your prayer and Worship life, and other believers help direct your faith journey? What keeps your faith focused even in those moments when everything else in your life seems chaotic?

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