



CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP: Space to Experience Ourselves in God

8:45 a.m. ~ March 11, 2018 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Lent

"We do not attain anything by our own holiness but by ten thousand surrenders to mercy."

—Richard Rohr

Opening to God: A Quiet Noticing

Opening Praise

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" v. 1

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

Where Mercy Begins, from Psalm 136 (Psalms for a Pilgrim People)

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*We give you thanks, O God, for your goodness,
for your mercies endure forever.
By solemn promise you are bound to us,
source of grace for ever and ever.*

Sung Response:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy had hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*At the turning points of our lives, you are with us,
through times of bewildering change.*

*At the crossing of the boundaries of the known
by strangers and dreams you encourage us.*

*You rescue use from slavery and exile,
you are with us on our desert journey,*

*you give us a place we can cherish.
where the vulnerable find their protection.*

Great is thy faithfulness...

Scripture & Meditation

Matthew 5:7

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

Resting in Mercy with a Breath Prayer

Psalm 51

Exhale: *Have mercy on me, O God,*
Inhale: *According to your unfailing love*

Receiving God's Love

"O Lord Your Tenderness"

*O Lord Your tenderness, melting all my bitterness
O Lord I receive Your love
O Lord your loveliness, changing all my ugliness
O Lord I receive Your love
O Lord I receive your love, O Lord I receive your love*

Mercy Remembered

Our Grateful Song

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” v. 2

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

Intercessions

“Lord Have Mercy”

Response: *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us*

- *We pray for those who hold power, who influence decisions and policy.*
- *We pray for those who do not have a voice in their country or their community.*
- *We pray for those who cannot find the capacity to forgive.*
- *We pray for those who live under the weight of unforgiveness.*

Offering Mercy

“The mercy that lives in me, I offer to you.”

Holy Communion

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

*Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus Word of Life...
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus Prince of Peace...
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus Bread of Life...
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus Cup of Life...
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus Lamb of God...
you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.*

Communion Song

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” v. 3

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

Benediction

“The mercy that lives in me, I offer to the world.”

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