

LENTEN VESPERS
February 24, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel Pedersen

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
for where he is, we would be also.

People of the covenant:

God does not remember us according to our sins
and transgressions.

**God remembers us according to God's own
steadfast love!**

HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's bow has been hung in the clouds
a disarmament in spite of our sin.
God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love,
even when we are unfaithful.
Without fear, then, we confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
we begin this Lenten season in confession.
We do not live according to your ways,
but according to our own.
We condone violence,
participate in systems of injustice,
and use power to our own advantage
at the expense of others.
Forgive us, we pray,
when we are tempted to follow paths
other than those you set before us.
Teach us your commandments;
help us to turn from evil in its many guises,
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

As Noah and his family were brought safely
through the flood onto dry ground,
so in baptismal waters
we are brought from death into new life in Christ.
Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God,
forgives us and reconciles us and all things
in heaven and on earth.
Thanks be to God for this good news!

THE PSALTER 28

You Are Before Me, Lord

SURSUM CORDA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:18-30

MEDITATION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Agnes W. Norfleet

May the God of covenant faithfulness enfold you;
the beloved Son encourage you;
and the Holy Spirit descend upon you in blessing;
this day and forever.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

WORSHIP SERVICE MUSICIANS

Udi Bar David, cello
Corey Bonar, tenor
Jeffrey Brillhart, organ