

"God, what do I need to know about You in all this?"

LENTEN STUDY - February 13, 2008

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Once again, as the season of Lent begins, we are summoned by a gracious and merciful God.

P: We respond to God's steadfast love, calling us into solemn assembly.

L: Let all the people gather for self-examination; let all bow in awe before the One Who Creates.

P: We approach God in reverence and wonder, rejoicing in the invitation to holy places.

L: Walk humbly before God in secret disciplines, in prayer and fasting and giving.

P: We seek The One who grants us life, upholding us with a willing spirit.

INVOCATION

We, your people, come to claim your promise of salvation, O Reconciling God. In your wholeness, we find healing. In your power, we gain strength. In your love, we are thrust beyond our own concerns to embrace a hurting world. Blow the trumpet, that this solemn assembly may rejoice, that remembrance can bring renewal, through Christ. Amen.

SONG: "Awesome God" (cc1: # 41099)

Our God - is an awesome God He reigns -
from heaven above with wis - dom
pow'r and love our God is an awesome God.

SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 35: 1-6

SILENCE

PRAYER

We live today, Righteous One. Give us the courage to live into your tomorrow. Amen

SCRIPTURE - Matthew 15: 21-28

SILENCE

PRAYER

Source of Life, you know the faithfulness of which we are capable. May we give you joy by living it. Amen

VIDEO CLIP: "Kickball"

DISCUSSION

PRAYER

CHARGE/BLESSING

God be in my head,
and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes,
and in my looking.
God be in my mouth,
and in my speaking.
God be in my heart,
and in my thinking.
God be at my end,
and at me departing.

(Old Sarum Primer, 1558, Salisbury, England)

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