

Prayers on Paper

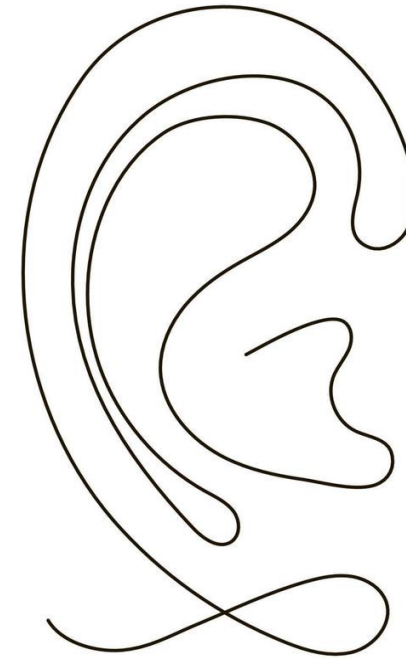
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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Stories of Call:

A Season of Prayerful Listening



March 19, 2023
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP

These forty days, as we gather together for worship with our neighbors,

we listen for the Spirit.

In our singing and our praying,

we listen for the Spirit.

At the font and at the table,

we listen for the Spirit.

As God's Word is shared,

we listen for the Spirit.

In our coming in and our going out,

we listen for the Spirit.

We listen for the Spirit who has called Moses and Samuel and Esther,
who has called Mary and Paul, who has called our many ancestors in the
faith,

who is speaking to us still.

Amen.

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins before God and
neighbor.

Silence for repentance and reflection

Holy God,

We confess to you our faults and failings.

**Too often we neglect your holy calling—
we take for ourselves rather than giving to others;**

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause harm in our relationships rather than healing;

we live in fear rather than in good courage.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to open ourselves to your call

to life—and life together.

Amen.

Stories of Call: A Season of Holy Listening

Lenten Prayer Stations



Lectio Divina Prayer

Lectio Divina is Latin for "sacred reading." It's an ancient prayer practice that's been used across Christian traditions for centuries. It invites us to listen for God's voice through repetitively reading and praying through scripture.



Visio Divina Prayer

Visio Divina is Latin for "sacred seeing." Also an ancient form of prayer, this practice invites us to meditate on God's word through artistic depictions of it. At this station, you'll find different pieces of art that span place and time, and a series of reflection questions that prompt us to wonder how God might be speaking through the artistic expressions of the biblical story.



Breathing Prayer

If we are to "pray without ceasing," as Paul writes, breathing prayers can be a helpful place to start. This station invites us to pray through a portion of the scriptural story of the day according to the rhythm of our breath.



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Prayers for the Neighborhood

In Jeremiah, we're invited to "pray to God on behalf of the city we find ourselves, for in its welfare we find our own." As such, at this station, you'll find a map of Brooklyn Center, the city where we find ourselves here at Cross of Glory. You'll be invited to prayerfully reflect on our neighborhood--and the people, institutions, and creation within it--write a prayer on a post-it note, and stick it on the city map.



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

<i>Mavis Wold</i>	<i>Clarice Zirkle</i>
<i>Shar Lauster</i>	<i>Dick Mero</i>
<i>Norma Gilbertson</i>	<i>Fatu Masallie</i>
<i>Rachel Marquardt</i>	<i>Loved ones of Harold Rorem</i>
<i>Audrey Swanberg</i>	<i>Loved ones of Laura Davids, sister of</i>
<i>Jeannie Kuzmich</i>	<i>Dan Jacobson</i>
<i>Nancy Hengel</i>	

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.

You are welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are at the prayer wall.

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive this gift of life.
Beloveds of God, this gift is for you!
God calls us now to live in this love
for the sake of our neighbors.
Amen.

Please stand as you're able.

MUSIC

Bless Now, O God the Journey

#326

Verse 1

Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

Verse 2

Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the
terrors,

your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

Verse 3

Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

O God, help us listen for your voice in the Word, that we might listen for your voice in the world. We pray in the name of the Creator who spoke us into being, the Son who spoke among us, and the Spirit who speaks to us still. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC

Canticle of the Turning

#723

Verse 1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings
of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight
on your servant's plight,
and my weakness
you did not spurn,
so from east to west
shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Verse 3

From the halls of pow'r
to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware

for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor
shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread,
ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

(Refrain)

Verse 4

Though the nations rage
from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's
crushing grasp.
This saving word
that our forebears heard
is the promise which
holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be
crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

(Refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:30-38, 46-55

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit

Glory Banner deadline - Please have articles submitted to Rachel for the April Glory Banner no later than March 22. Banner will be mailed out the week March 26-April 1.

Shoe and Sock Drive - CAPI and CoG are hosting Community Health Fest on April 6 from 4-7. There will be a variety of healthcare resources, free food, and a sock and shoe distribution. Donate any gently used shoes and/or new socks between now and April 6 in the bin located by the Welcome Desk, and join us on the 6th as you're able!

Community Meals - On Wednesdays starting at 5:15, all are welcome to join the tutoring community and share a meal together in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study - Join the COG Bible Study as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am onsite and online.

Care & Visitation - If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know.

Want to Know More About COG? - We're so glad you're worshiping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Johnetta Freeman, Erik Haugland, Kim Jacobson
Guitar: Josh Smith
Greeters: Bob Wertz, Judy Lewis
Reader: Steve Ferley

Art Selection: Keith Williams
Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Dan Alwes, Don Halverson, Steve Ferley
Communion: Dawn Bailey, Chad Bailey, Bob Wertz
Technical Team: Mike Edstrom, Dawn Bailey & Bill Bailey
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Fellowship - Join us after worship to share in food and fellowship.

Stories of Call: A Season of Prayerful Listening - This Lent, we're listening for God's voice through stories of call in scripture and through various prayer practices. Join us Sundays at 9:30 am for worship, midweek prayer on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom, and check out this month's Glory Banner for more info!

Discernment Dialogues - You're invited and your voice is needed as we discern God's call for our church together! Join the Vision + Vocation team for discernment dialogues, an opportunity to hear about what we've been up to and take part in the conversation! Sign up **this week** by visiting www.crossofglory.us, calling the church office, or adding your name to the sign-up sheets at the welcome desk.

Lenten Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit - Take a step into the Stations of the Cross with a setting of the Covid Pandemic. Located in the new art gallery in the hall by the Bethel lift. Join us after worship on March 26th for Table Talks, as Keith is leading us through them with both a worship and artistic approach.

COG Golf League - If you enjoy playing golf, Cross of Glory has a league for you. We have a summer league that has a long history. It is a friendly bunch with all levels of players. We play weekly on Thursday evening starting at 5 PM. We play at Pheasant Acres in Corcoran. This league is open to anyone. We start sometime in April, depending on when the course opens and play till the end of August. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Mike McClanahan.

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will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Magnificat"

Kris Simon

REFLECTION

PRAYER STATIONS

We invite you into a time prayer, listening for the ways God may be calling you/us in light of today's call story. There are five prayer stations, each of which invites you into a different prayer practice. For the next ten minutes while music plays in the background, we invite you to silently pray, beginning and ending with the sound of a chime.

For those onsite:

We invite you to visit the five prayer stations in the sanctuary as the Spirit moves you (you may choose to visit one station, or a couple, or all of them--the rhythm of these prayers is up to you). At each, you'll find some brief instructions and corresponding materials. If you'd like to linger at a station for prayer, we invite you to find a spot in a pew nearby, making space for others to move around the tables.

For those online and those who prefer to remain in their seats onsite:

During this time, the slideshow will rotate through invitations to take part in various prayer stations. You may follow along as cued.

Please stand as you're able.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with our neighbors.

*** Please be seated ***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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 cup 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

OFFERING

Thanks for giving with good courage toward the work that God is doing among us! We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



FINANCIAL OFFERING MINISTRY OFFERING (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

Please stand as you're able.

MUSIC

Prayer of Good Courage

Gustavson

O God, you have called us
to ventures where we
cannot see the end.
By paths never yet taken
Through perils unknown.

Give us good courage.
Not knowing where we go,
To know that your hand
is leading us
wherever we might go. *(repeat)*
Amen!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. God calls you!

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Verse 3

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.

MUSIC

Called Me Higher

Jordan

Verse 1

I could just sit, I could just sit
And wait for all Your goodness,
Hope to feel Your presence.
And I could just stay,
I could just stay
Right where I am and
hope to feel You,
Hope to feel something again.

Verse 2

I could hold on, I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside,
I could be safe, I could be safe
Here in Your arms and
never leave home,
Never let these walls down.

Chorus 1

You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper,
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord.
You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord,
Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord.

Verse 2

I could hold on, I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside,
I could be safe, I could be safe
Here in Your arms and
never leave home,
Never let these walls down.
(Chorus 1)

Bridge

I will be Yours,
I will be Yours for all my life. (repeat
x3)

Chorus 2

'Cause You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord.
You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord. (Repeat)

Ending

Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord,
Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord.

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 and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to partake in this holy meal at God's table, where Christ is the host and we are the guests. If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be happy to bring it to you. If you're worshiping online, we invite you to have bread or a cracker and wine or juice, trusting that God is present in it, and that it draws us together as one body even across time and space.

The body of Christ is given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ is shed for you. **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC

Magnificat

Haugen

Verse 1

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,
strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favor the weak and lowly one,
humbling the proud of heart.

Verse 2

You have cast the mighty down from their thrones,
and uplifted the humble of heart,
you have filled the hungry with wondrous things,
and left the wealthy no part.
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One,
strong is your justice, strong your love,
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.