

Setauket Presbyterian Church
First Sunday in Lent
February 21st, 2021 (online)

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call To Worship

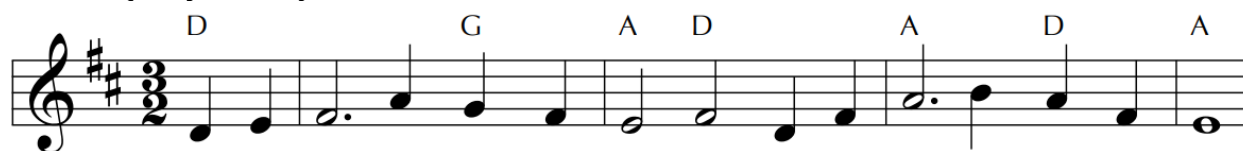
God meets us in the night—
Before the sun rises,
Before the wound heals,
Before there are answers,
Before there is closure.

God meets us in the light—
Where joy is effervescent,
Where laughter is contagious,
Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,
And where people gather around the table.

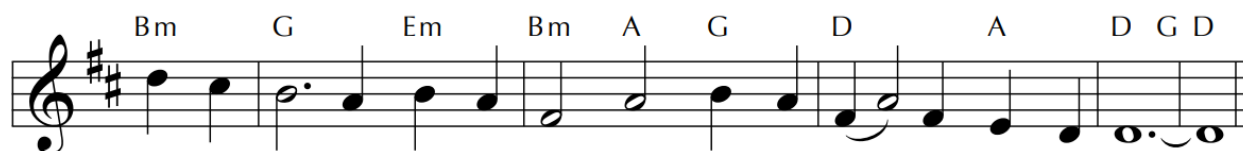
God meets us at the threshold—
At the edge of the water,
At the beginning of the wilderness,
At the start of something new,
On the edge of faith.

And if God meets us in all those places,
Then surely God meets us in between—
Staying with us through the wilderness.
We are not alone. God is all around.
Let us worship the God of the here and now.

Hymn Come to Me, O Weary Traveler
no. 183 (*Glory to God*)



- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

Prayer of Confession
God who meets us where we are—
There is nowhere we can go that you are not.

You were with Jesus at his baptism.
You were with him in the wilderness,
And even in between, you were there,
Saying aloud, "This is my beloved."

We know that you are with us too—
In the good, the bad, and everything in between—
But so often we act like we are alone.

Instead of coming to you with our hurt,
We hold it in or cast it onto others.
Instead of coming to you with our joy,
We credit ourselves and offer you nothing.

How can we long for a deeper relationship with you
While living like you are nowhere to be found?
Forgive our self-centered ways.
Remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there.

You are the God who meets us where we are.
Before and behind, above and below, within and around.
(A time of silence for personal confession) Amen.

Words of Assurance

God is here. God sees you. God knows you. God meets you at the edge of every new beginning, And God calls you beloved. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination no. 284 (*Glory to God*)

Holy Spirit, Come to Us (sing twice)



Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.



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Scripture Readings

Psalms 25: 1-10

Mark 1: 9-15

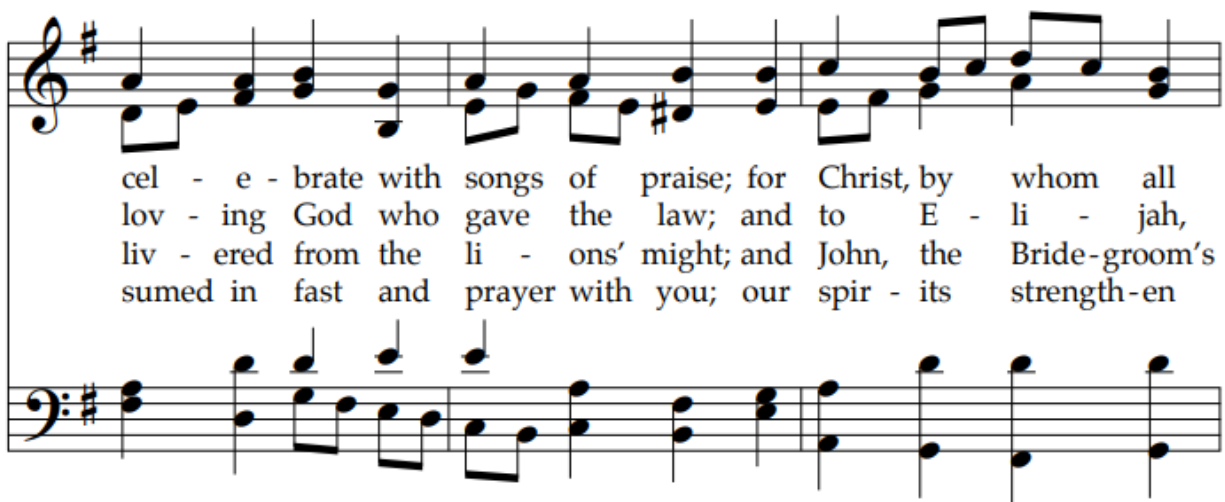
Reflection

The Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin

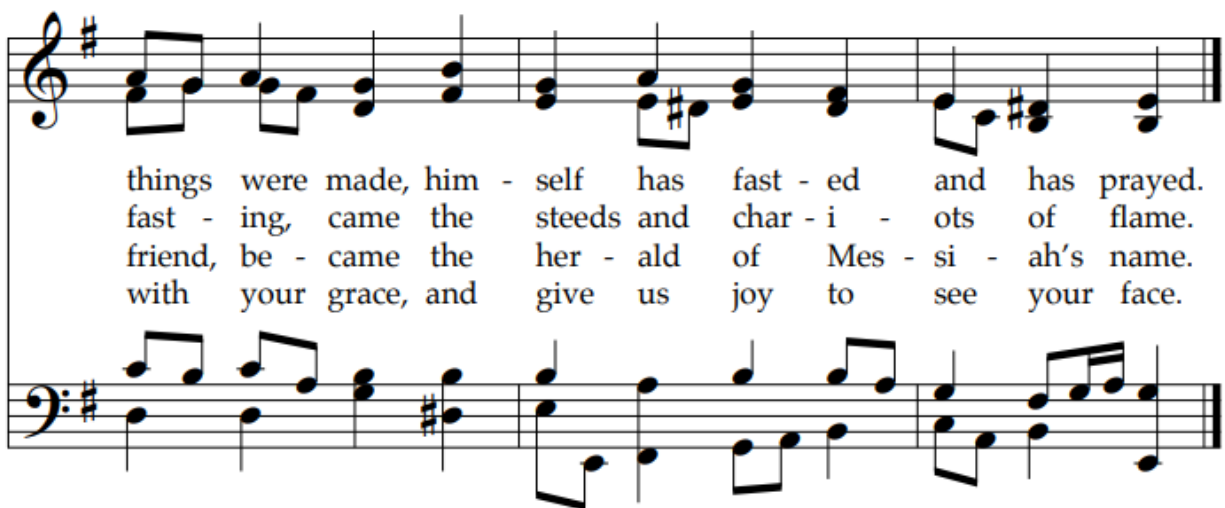
Hymn The Glory of These Forty Days
no. 165 (*Glory to God*)



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -



cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Dedication, and Intercession, and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn *I want Jesus to Walk with Me*
no. 775 (*Glory to God*)

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Either online or in person, please share with one another expressions of Christ's peace.

Postlude

Worship items adapted from Roger Gench of *The Presbyterian Outlook* , A Sanctified Art