

Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

ALL: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

One: Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

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OPENING PRAYER:

One: Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, a “before” and “after,” a “now” and “then”; so that we may also say, “One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ’s light, we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn: “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Sing The Faith #2083/Screen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

One: Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ’s name, we pray.

ALL: Amen

PSALM READING: Psalm 23

SERMON: “A Table”

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PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

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