

PRAYING
WITH JOHN
— FOR —
DEAR LIFE



Service of Midday Prayer for Lent

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

First Presbyterian Church, Gathered Online

Opening Sentences

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Ps. 124:8

Maker of heaven and earth.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

RAQUEL

1. Womb of life, and source of being, home of ev'ry restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.
2. Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of Life, and Death of Death,
risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.

3. Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.
When our mem'ry fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us, aid the birthing of the new world made new,
ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

4. Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever, one-in-three, and three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

Prayer

God, you spoke and your Word became flesh,
breathing a new song of joy and praise into the world.
Grant that we may bear the good news of your salvation,
proclaiming your promise of peace
to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Before the lesson:

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68
Hear the word of the Lord.

John 1: 6-9, 19-34

The Word became flesh and lived among us. John 1:14
And we have seen his glory. Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 518

Lamb of God

LAMB OF GOD

1. Your only son, no sin to hide; but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this earthly sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God,**

**O wash me in his precious love,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

2. Your gift of love, we crucified; we laughed and scorned him as he died;
The humble King we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**