Service for Lent 3

Welcome:

O Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

O God make speed to save us

**O Lord, make haste to help us**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit

**As it was in the beginning,**

**is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord

**The Lord’s name be praised**

Opening hymn: From heaven you came

From heaven You came, helpless babe,

Entered our world, Your glory veiled,

Not to be served but to serve,

And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,*

*He calls us now to worship Him,*

*To bring our lives as a daily offering*

*Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears

My heavy load He chose to bear;

His heart with sorrow was torn,

‘Yet not my will but Yours,’ He said.

*Chorus*

Come see His hands and His feet

The scars that speak of sacrifice,

Hands that flung stars into space

To cruel nails surrendered.

*Chorus*

So let us learn how to serve

And in our lives enthrone Him,

Each other’s needs to prefer,

For it is Christ we’re serving.

*Chorus*

Confession:

Jesus says: ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

So, let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,

Confessing our sin in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**We confess that we have sinned**

**In thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved others as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,**

**Help us to amend what we are**

**And direct what we shall be**

**That we may do justly, love mercy**

**And walk humbly with you our God. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

Have mercy upon us,

Pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness

And keep us in eternal life;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Ephesians 5:1-20

Live as Light in the World:

Hymn: The Spirit lives to set us free

The Spirit lives to set us free,

Walk, walk in the light;

He binds us all in unity,

Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light, Walk in the light,*

*Walk in the light, Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all

Walk, walk in the light

The dead were wakened by His call

Walk, walk in the light.

He died in pain on Calvary,

Walk, walk in the light

To save the lost, like you and me

Walk, walk in the light

We know His death was not the end

Walk, walk in the light

He gave His Spirit to be our friend

Walk, walk in the light

By Jesus’ love our wounds are healed

Walk, walk in the light

The Father’s kindness is revealed

Walk, walk in the light

The Spirit lives in you and me

Walk, walk in the light

His light will shine for all to see

Walk, walk in the light

Walk in the Spirit:

Prayers:

Closing Hymn: Before the throne of God above

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I have a strong, a perfect plea,

a great High Priest whose name is Love,

who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,

my name is written on His heart;

I know that while in heaven He stands

no tongue can bid me thence depart,

no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,

and tells me of the guilt within,

upward I look and see Him there

who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Saviour died

my sinful soul is counted free;

for God the just is satisfied

to look on Him and pardon me,

to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen lamb,

my perfect, spotless righteousness;

the great unchangeable I AM,

the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die,

my soul is purchased with His blood;

my life is hid with Christ on high,

with Christ my Saviour and my God,

with Christ my Saviour and my God.

Blessing:

May God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead

Strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be with you all this day and forever more. **Amen.**