



Worship Guide for the Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

Even though we cannot be together in person we can be together in practice. Worship is the primary practice that draws us together as the people of God. So this morning whether you are gathered with your family, with friends, or by yourself know that your church family both at Resurrection Park Slope and the church around the world takes up these same words, prayers, and songs. And most importantly know that God is with you because he loves you. We worship together even as we are apart.

Call to Worship

Turn your hearts to the Lord
and look to the cross of Jesus Christ.

**We come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
we approach our God, who is full of mercy!**

Come and receive God's free gift of grace!

We praise God for the grace that saves us!

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious God,
we gather here because you have called us.
You loved us before we could love you.
You have given your Son for the salvation of the world,
and you have made us a new people by water and the Spirit.
For this we praise and thank you!
As you meet us now, open our hearts to your grace
and renew in us the joy of your salvation. *Amen*

Confession of Sin

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears into the joys of new life with you. *Amen.*

Silence for reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Lord, open our lips

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

Morning Song: [Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus](#)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
And to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"
The Lord, the Lord
The Lord, the Lord

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!
And more and more
And more and more

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Oh, oh

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!
And more and more
And more and more

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me till the end.
Till the end

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!
And more, and more
And more, and more
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!

The Old Testament Lesson / *Isaiah 53:1-9*

1Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

3He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

5But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

6All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

8By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

9And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

The Gospel Lesson / Mark 8: 34-35

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit; •
**as it was in the beginning
is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

Please See Website for Audio file of 3.15.20 sermon.

Prayers of the People

Spend this time praying for our world, our nation, our city, and our church.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer and/or the Collect of the Week

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!