



*Forgive in us what has gone
wrong,
Repair in us what
is wasted,
Reveal in us what
is good. Amen.*

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GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from John 3:17; Psalm 46:1–3

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God's love endures forever.

*HYMN 441

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been a rebellious people.
We have broken your covenant, and we have tolerated injustice in our land.
We have not shared our food with the hungry, we have not sheltered the
homeless, and we have not aided the destitute.
We quarrel and fight among ourselves, and we use religion to cover our de-
ceit. We have become a mockery of our heritage; the world looks at us and
asks, Where is their God?
Forgive us, O God. Subdue our rebellious hearts and restore in us the light
of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

RESPONSE HYMN 434 “Restore in Us, O God”

BAYLOR

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 51:1-17

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

MEDITATION

“Prayers that Jesus Hears”

Stories from a tax collector; Mary, sister of Martha; a leper, and Mary Magdalene

KYRIE REFRAIN DURING MEDITATION 577

“Lord, Have Mercy”

KYRIE ELEISON

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

“...Holy God, **hear our prayer.**”

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The congregation is invited forward to receive the imposition of ashes.
A worship leader marks the forehead of each person with the ashes,
using the following words:

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return (Gen. 3:19).”

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Bless, O God, these ashes and those who have received them.

**Let them be for us a reminder of our mortality,
a call to sincere repentance, and a testimony
to your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN 215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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MINISTER: Dana Waters

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

ELDER: Bert Ballard-Myer, assisting in worship

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

The meditation is adapted from the Iona Community publication Present on Earth