

Lent 2021

STORIES ALONG THE WAY

Parables of Jesus and the journey to the cross

CALL TO WORSHIP ↑

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and
perfecter of our faith,
**who for the joy set before him
endured the cross,
scorning its shame, and sat down at
the right hand of God.**

Let us consider him who endured such opposition
from sinful people,
so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

Based on Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

PRAYER OF INVOCATION ↓

Journey with us, O Holy God, as we continue our
way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our
attention may center more on you than ourselves.
Remind us too, that our Lenten journey collimates
in Easter joy.
Amen.

CONFESSION ↑

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not
distain 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
misdeed 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 may our
confessions before you lead us to centering
ourselves in you.**

ASSURANCE ↓

“Those who love me, I will deliver,” says the Lord; “I will protect those who know my name. When they call on me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation.”

Based on Psalm 91:14-16

Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ↑

Send your Spirit among us, O God, as we meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Prepare our minds to hear your Word. Move our hearts to accept what we hear. Purify our will to obey in joy and faith. This we pray through Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER ↑

Gracious God, we thank you for gifts that belong not to us alone, but to all our sisters and brothers, since they too are created in your image. Let their need become our need; let their hunger become our hunger; and grant to us also a portion of their pain, so that in sharing ourselves, we discover the Christ who walks with our brothers and sisters.
Amen.

BLESSING ↓

May the God of love, who shared his love, strengthen us in our love for others. May the Son who shared his life grant us grace, that we might share our life. And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be only and always for others.
Amen.