



## **GATHERING TIME**

Lent is a communal time and so critically important now. Let's check in and see where we are.

## **TIME OF GROUNDING/INVOCATION**

### **PRAYERS OF JOY AND THANKSGIVING**

**Psalm 16:11**

**You show me the path of life.**

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

*(Time for prayer offering our gratitude to God and  
delighting in God's presence)*

### **PRAYERS OF PETITION**

**Psalm 139:8**

**If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my  
bed in the depths, you are there. even there your  
hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me  
fast. even the darkness will not be dark to you; the  
night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light  
to you.**

*(Time for prayer offering our petitions to God for us and  
our neighbors)*

### **PSALM FOR THE SEASON & PRAYER OF CONFESSION PSALM 25)**

(Verses 1-7)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast  
love,

for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

(Time for Silent Confession and Sharing)

## **ASSURANCE**

(Verses 16-18)

Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.

Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **SENDING BLESSING**

*May we find the road that leads to life;  
may we take the turns that brings right relationships;  
may we pause to accompany others on the way;  
and may we journey with God through Lent,  
and long for the horizon and dawn.  
And the grace.*

*Amen*