

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP

These forty days, as we gather together for worship with our neighbors,

we listen for the Spirit.

In our singing and our praying,

we listen for the Spirit.

At the font and at the table,

we listen for the Spirit.

As God's Word is shared,

we listen for the Spirit.

In our coming in and our going out,

we listen for the Spirit.

We listen for the Spirit who has called Moses and Samuel and Esther,
who has called Mary and Paul, who has called our many ancestors in the
faith,

who is speaking to us still.

Amen.

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins before God and
neighbor.

Silence for repentance and reflection

Holy God,

We confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect your holy calling—

we take for ourselves rather than giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause harm in our relationships rather than healing;

we live in fear rather than in good courage.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to open ourselves to your call

to life—and life together.

Amen.

Stories of Call: A Season of Holy Listening

Lenten Prayer Stations



Lectio Divina Prayer

Lectio Divina is Latin for "sacred reading." It's an ancient prayer practice that's been used across Christian traditions for centuries. It invites us to listen for God's voice through repetitively reading and praying through scripture.



Visio Divina Prayer

Visio Divina is Latin for "sacred seeing." Also an ancient form of prayer, this practice invites us to meditate on God's word through artistic depictions of it. At this station, you'll find different pieces of art that span place and time, and a series of reflection questions that prompt us to wonder how God might be speaking through the artistic expressions of the biblical story.



Breathing Prayer

If we are to "pray without ceasing," as Paul writes, breathing prayers can be a helpful place to start. This station invites us to pray through a portion of the scriptural story of the day according to the rhythm of our breath.



Prayers on Paper

Prayers may be not only spoken, but also visually expressed. At this station, you're invited to prayerfully write and/or draw in response to the biblical call story.



Prayers for the Neighborhood

In Jeremiah, we're invited to "pray to God on behalf of the city we find ourselves, for in its welfare we find our own." As such, at this station, you'll find a map of Brooklyn Center, the city where we find ourselves here at Cross of Glory. You'll be invited to prayerfully reflect on our neighborhood--and the people, institutions, and creation within it--write a prayer on a post-it note, and stick it on the city map.



Sunday, April 2

- Palm Sunday
Worship
9:30am
- Community Choir
Concert of Dubois—
“The Seven Last Words
of Christ”
3 pm

Thursday, April 6

- Community
Health Fest
4pm-6:45pm
- Maundy Thursday
Worship **7pm**

Friday, April 7

- Good Friday
Worship **6pm**

Sunday, April 9

- Easter Sunday
Worship **9:30am**
- Fellowship treats
and coffee hosted by
camp youth following
service

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive this gift of life.

Beloveds of God, this gift is for you!

God calls us now to live in this love
for the sake of our neighbors.

Amen.

Please stand as you're able.

MUSIC

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Baloché

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You.

I want to see You. *(repeat)*

Verse

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy.

(chorus)

Bridge

Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see You. *(repeat)*

(chorus)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together..

**O God, help us listen for your voice in the Word, that we might
listen for your voice in the world. We pray in the name of the
Creator who spoke us into being, the Son who spoke among us,
and the Spirit who speaks to us still. Amen.**

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC

Called Me Higher

Jordan

Verse 1

I could just sit, I could just sit
And wait for all Your goodness,
Hope to feel Your presence.
And I could just stay,
I could just stay
Right where I am and
hope to feel You,
Hope to feel something again.

Verse 2

I could hold on, I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside,
I could be safe, I could be safe
Here in Your arms and
never leave home,
Never let these walls down.

Chorus 1

You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper,
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord.
You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord,
Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord.

Verse 2

I could hold on, I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside,
I could be safe, I could be safe
Here in Your arms and
never leave home,
Never let these walls down. (*Chorus 1*)

Bridge

I will be Yours,
I will be Yours for all my life. (*repeat x3*)

Chorus 2

'Cause You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord.
You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord. (*Repeat*)

Ending

Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord,
Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-19

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as

together in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study - Join the COG Bible Study as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am onsite and online.

Care & Visitation - If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know.

Want to Know More About COG? - We're so glad you're worshiping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

Community Choir Concert next Sunday—You are invited to a special musical Holy Week event. Benjamin Jeitz will lead a Community Choir performance of Théodore Dubois “The Seven Last Words of Christ” on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 2, 2023 at 3:00 pm here at Cross of Glory. Refreshments will be provided after the concert. A free will offering will be taken at the concert to support NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness)

Easter Fellowship— CoG kids attending camp will be hosting Easter Sunday coffee fellowship hour with caramel rolls, cinnamon rolls, yogurt parfaits, juice, milk and muffins. All proceeds from the free will offering will help kids attend camp Wapo this summer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discernment Dialogues - You're invited and your voice is needed as we discern God's call for our church together! Join the Vision + Vocation team for discernment dialogues, an opportunity to hear about what we've been up to and take part in the conversation! If you haven't yet signed up, please do so ASAP by visiting www.crossofglory.us, calling the church office, or adding your name to the sign-up sheets at the welcome desk. If you need a virtual option, please reach out to Pastor Ali.

Easter Garden—TODAY is the last day to submit your floral order to adorn our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Please submit your forms to the office today. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel in the office.

Lenten Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit - Take a step into the Stations of the Cross, influenced by the Covid Pandemic. This art is located in the new art gallery in the hall between the sanctuary and church office. Join us after worship TODAY for Table Talks, as Keith leads us through the exhibit with a worshipful and artistic approach.

COG Golf League—If you enjoy playing golf, Cross of Glory has a league for you. We play weekly on Thursday evening starting at 5 PM at Pheasant Acres in Corcoran. This league is open to anyone. We start sometime in April, depending on when the course opens and play till the end of August. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Mike McClanahan.

Shoe and Sock Drive - CAPI and CoG are hosting Community Health Fest on April 6 from 4-6:45. In preparation, please donate any gently used shoes and/or new socks between now and then in the bin located by the Welcome Desk, and join us on the 6th as you're able!

Community Meals - On Wednesdays starting at 5:15, all are welcome to join the tutoring community and share a meal

(continued)

he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Kyrie Eleison

REFLECTION

PRAYER STATIONS

We invite you into a time prayer, listening for the ways God may be calling you/us in light of today's call story. There are five prayer stations, each of which invites you into a different prayer practice. For the next ten minutes while music plays in the background, we invite you to silently pray, beginning and ending with the sound of a chime.

For those onsite:

We invite you to visit the five prayer stations in the sanctuary as the Spirit moves you (you may choose to visit one station, or a couple, or all of them--the rhythm of these prayers is up to you). At each, you'll find some brief instructions and corresponding materials. If you'd like to linger at a station for prayer, we invite you to find a spot in a pew nearby, making space for others to move around the tables.

For those online and those who prefer to remain in their seats onsite:

During this time, the slideshow will rotate through invitations to take part in various prayer stations. You may follow along as cued.

****Please stand as you're able.****

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with our neighbors.

**** Please be seated ****

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

MUSIC

Verse 1

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art:
thou my best thought
both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 2

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and
thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams

Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease

Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Kris Simon

Guitar: Josh Smith

Clarinet: Becca Floyd, Keith Williams

Greeters: Tom Simon, Arlene Kosek

Reader: Joe Balzer

Art Selection: Keith Williams

Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Dan Alwes,

Don Halverson, Tom Simon

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn

Bailey & Bill Bailey

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

Mavis Wold

Shar Lauster

Norma Gilbertson

Rachel Marquardt

Audrey Swanberg

Jeannie Kuzmich

Dick Mero

Richard Peterson

Loved ones of Clarice Zirkle

Loved ones of Harold Rorem

Loved ones of Laura Davids, sister of

Dan Jacobson

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.

You are welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are at the prayer wall.

**But only that your hand is leading us,
And your love supporting us,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!**

MUSIC **O Christ Surround Me** **#1084**

Verse 1
God, be the love to search
and keep me;
God, be the prayer to
move my voice;
God, be the strength to
now uphold me:

Refrain
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Verse 3
Brightness of sun and
glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning,
strength of wind,

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. God calls you!

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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depth of the sea to
soil of planet: *Refrain*

Verse 4
Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all
ways: *Refrain*

Verse 5
Christ in the eyes of all
who see me,
Christ in the ears that
hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who
know me: *Refrain*

Verse 3
Riches I heed not,
nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
thou and thou only,
the first in my heart,
great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

Verse 4
Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

LORD'S PRAYER

Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

Thanks for giving with good courage toward the work that God is doing among us! We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



FINANCIAL OFFERING

MINISTRY OFFERING (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

Please stand as you're able.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

**ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
By paths as yet untrodden,
Through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage.
Not knowing where we go,**