

Call to Worship

One: In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

Many: God wakens my ear, and I turn to God. I do not turn toward those who strike me. I do not hide my face from insult.

One: God helps us, so let us stand up together.

Many: Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession with branches. You are our God. We give thanks, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures.

One: Many shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!”

Many: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself and became our hope.

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Many: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet, into the whirlpools of expectations, into eddies of busy distractions. We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace, enduring forever, saving us. We reflect on what keeps us from deep hope. (Silence.) Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep hope. We come to you, God.

Lent 2021 Theme Song: *Ô toi, Seigneur / O God, We Call (VT 683)*

Ô toi, Seigneur, nous t'appelons.

Du fond de notre coeur, nous t'appelons, Seigneur.

Oui, nous te désirons, Seigneur.

O God, we call, O God, we call.

From deep inside, we yearn, from deep inside, we yearn,
from deep inside, we yearn for you.

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Children's Song: Your Love is Washing Over Me (VT 166)

Verse 1:

Your love is washing over me, Your love is washing over me.
Your love is washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 2:

Your mercy's washing over me, Your mercy's washing over me.
Your mercy's washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 3:

Your peace is washing over me, Your peace is washing over me.
Your peace is washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 4:

Your joy is washing over me, Your joy is washing over me.
Your joy is washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 5:

Your grace is washing over me, Your grace is washing over me.
Your grace is washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 6:

Your hope is washing over me, Your hope is washing over me.
Your hope is washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

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Congregational Hymn: Holy Lord (VT 314)

Refrain: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Bridge: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Refrain: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full;
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Coda:

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Text: from Greek and Latin liturgy, "Sanctus" (Mediterranean), ca. 3rd-4th c., based on Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9; adapt. Steve Bell (Canada), © 1991 Signpost Music

Congregational Hymn: *Jesus is Coming (VT 312)*

Verse 1:

Jesus is coming; pave the way with branches.

Jesus is coming. Hosanna!

Jesus is coming; pave the way with branches.

Jesus is coming. Hosanna!

Refrain: Hosanna, Jesus is coming.

Hosanna to the Prince of Peace.

Hosanna, Jesus is coming.

Hosanna to the Prince of Peace.

Verse 3:

Hope for the suffering; pave the way with branches.

Freedom for captives. Hosanna.

Hope for the suffering; pave the way with branches.

Freedom for captives. Hosanna.

Refrain: Hosanna, Jesus is coming.

Hosanna to the Prince of Peace.

Hosanna, Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the Prince of Peace.

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