



December 5, 2021

PREPARE THE WAY

CALL TO WORSHIP

The water of life is springing up!
We are invited to drink deeply.
We are invited into the shade of God.
We are invited to share the hospitality of God.
We are welcomed.
Come! Sit!
Receive and rejoice!

SONG

Days of Elijah


<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/558980766/a942b45b72>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of infinite patience,
once again in this Advent season you remind us that you have never left this
world without signs of your love.
You sent the prophets to Israel,
you sent John the Baptist,
you sent Jesus and you send your love to us in the world around us and in the
lives of other people.
But, like so many who saw Jesus and did not see him as your sign,
we miss your signs of love all around us and within us.
The sun illuminates and gives life to everything on Earth,
and yet we live so much of the time without being thankful for its energy,
we live so much of our lives blind to your illumination and energy that fills our
world.
Forgive us for living as if your messengers came only long ago and not in every
moment of our lives now.

ASSURANCE

We might be blind to the wonders of God all around us and within us,
but we have good news.
God can heal blindness.
God can restore sight.



We are renewed and we live in the full forgiveness of God's love and grace.
We are forgiven.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANSGIVING

Blessed are you Lord, God of the cosmos,
you have raised up from your people a mighty saviour,
one who speaks your ancient words renewed for this very moment.
One who speaks of your long and faithful commitment to your world throughout
the generations.
One who tells of your tender mercies.
One who leads the whole earth out of darkness and into the light.
One who forgives and welcomes.
One who guides our feet in the way of peace.
One who was present before time began and is present with us now.
For this great truth we give you thanks.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG

Way Maker

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/593047589/e30344722d>

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of overflowing love.
We know your abundance in our lives in every moment.
As we dedicate this money here today,
we know that it represents only some of the many gifts that you have gifted us
with.
It is our prayer that this money might be a gift to others in the world.
In the name of the great gift giver.

READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

REFLECTION

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<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/649796745/1222129e92>

SILENCE

Now let silence gently enfold us...
May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage,
and enlarge our wonder.



SONG

Spirit of the Living God

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/543408840/be3acf749c>

BLESSING

We go with the words of Isaiah ringing in our ears,
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
'Let us go in peace with our eyes open wide.