



3rd April, 2022, Lent 5

TRANSACTION VS TRANSFORMATION

GATHERING


In hope, in longing
In trust, in community
In many moods, in many shapes and sizes
We're glad to come together.
In peace, in joy
In solidarity with those who struggle
In resistance to those who dominate
We're glad to come together.
In memory of Jesus, who lived with compassion
We're glad to come together in this Lenten season. *(Nelson-Pallmeyer, adapted)*

OPENING PRAYER

Bestower of blessings,
fling wide the portals of your love as we draw near to you this day.
Bless those keeping watch over the tender moments of letting go,
and those waiting with eagerness to cradle new life.
Bless the studious child, the wandering thought, the imagination stretched out
beyond what the horizon can hold.
Bless those seeking the light of truth, and the courage to give voice to it.
Bless those who gather community to them, and those who hunger for a place to
call home.
Bless the cooks and bottle-washers, the ravenous appetites and the empty
stomachs sheltered from our view.
Bless the questions, the mysteries, and the epiphanies that dance among our
thoughts and beckon us toward what can be.
Receive our thanks for all that you hold before us and beneath us, for the sake
of your mercy and love.
Anoint us, Holy One and fill us with your peace, joy and love. Amen. *(Anne Frealey)*

PRAYER FOR FIRST PEOPLES

In this place, many people have gone before us
who have honoured God
by caring for the Land,
in the ways they have lived
and in the stories they have shared.



We give thanks
for the nations and people,
who have held as sacred
the duty of protecting the Land
and living in harmony with it.

May God honour and bless them
– now and to eternity. *(2017 A. Koh-Butler)*

SONG

Shout to the Lord

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/668481904/c33a8b39f9>

ABBA PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Source of all that is and ever shall be,
Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven,
May knowledge of your holiness inspire all peoples.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth, until all of
humankind heed your call to justice and compassion.
May we find the bread that we need for today.
And for the hurts we cause one another may we be forgiven in the same
measure that we forgive.
In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong;
When life seems overwhelming,
Help us to endure;
And thus from the yoke of sin deliver us.
May you reign in the power of human love,
Now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(take this time to pray for each other, the community and world)

SONG

Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/660819494/05757456a9>

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Giver of all good things, let your grace flow through us; a generous stream,
unstoppable, refreshing, abundant. We release these gifts into your river of love,
flowing out to all the world. Amen. *(Carol Penner)*

READINGS

John 12:1-8

REFLECTION

Transaction vs Transformation

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SONG

As the Deer Pants for the Water

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/597580505/71c1762e44>

BLESSING

Sending out It's good news, this Gospel,
the message of God's reign among us;
the reality of God's presence with us;
the challenge of God's justice calling us.
It's good news – a call to celebration,
a reason to bring out our best,
and offer it to God in extravagant thanksgiving and reckless devotion.
Whatever we may face, whatever evil we might fight,
whatever injustice we might resist,
we refuse to forget the life, the celebration,
that this Good News offers;
because it is truly good and liberating news
when cynicism and hatred
are incapable of stealing our joy. *(John van de Laar)*

God's peace be with you.
And also with you!

Amen!

SONG

May the Feet of God Walk with You

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