

**we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the Earth and to share the
commonwealth
of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful,
wherever found. Amen.**

Moments of Quiet Contemplation...

Sharing the Peace

May a heart of peace rest with you.

And also with you.

Choral Response MV 18

(sung twice)

" Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary "

READINGS FOR THE 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

From the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm 126, VU 850 (refrain 2)

From the New Testament

John 12: 1-8

From the 'New Testament' (Ken Sawyer)

" To the Blessing of the Seasons "

Reflections on Today's Readings

May the readings we've shared renew our hope

And restore us in faith...

Choral Response MV 79

(refrain only)

" Spirit, Open My Heart "

Centering Silence for Lent

For a few moments, let us release ourselves
from a world that is too noisy, too busy,
too demanding.

For a few moments, let us release ourselves
into the calm, still world that waits to receive us,
where quiet is broken only by the sounds
of our own making...

Quiet Time

Amen and Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Del Stewart

" Extravagant Compassion "

★**Hymn VU 590** *" A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar "*

Pastoral Prayers for Lent

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Presentation of Our Gifts and Offerings

★**Offertory Hymn VU 542**

" We Give You But Your Own "

Offertory Prayer

★**Closing Hymn VU 422**

" God Be with You till We Meet Again "

★Parting Words

(Bob Holmes/rhw, *adapted*)

As we prepare to depart from this sacred place
let us resolve to take on this week's life
with renewed hope and imagination.

Quiet Moments

As the Spirit teaches inwardly,
may we involve ourselves in the larger issues of life:

**May we involve ourselves in those issues
which make a compelling difference;
those issues which create the good life
for all humanity.**

The singing bowl is sounded three times...

★A Lenten Blessing

(Bob Holmes rhw, *adapted*)

Go in courage and celebration!

As you journey, may the Holy Mystery of God
be found along the road.

May the wonder of the costly love of Jesus
embrace you.

And may the Living Spirit of Jesus
bless and keep you always...

★Choral Response VU 148

(sung twice)

“ Jesus, Remember Me ”

Postlude