

Say Her Name

A SEASON OF ALL SAINTS

The Lover
October 24, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Centering

We Hear

Opening Prayer¹

Response: **We remember, O God.**

Opening Song

And Are We Yet Alive

Marge Dunn

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1749

MUSIC: Johann G. Nagali; arr. by Justin White

CCLI Song # 754458

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Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Lisa

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of all of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Scripture

Songs of Songs 1

Pastor Lisa

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!

For your love is better than wine,

your anointing oils are fragrant,

your name is perfume poured out;

therefore the maidens love you.

Draw me after you, let us make haste.

The king has brought me into his chambers.

We will exult and rejoice in you;

we will extol your love more than wine;

rightly do they love you.

I am black and beautiful,

O daughters of Jerusalem,

¹ Adapted from the *Desperate Preacher's* website. (I'm not desperate; I just like the prayer!)

like the tents of Kedar,
like the curtains of Solomon.
Do not gaze at me because I am dark,
because the sun has gazed on me.
My mother's sons were angry with me;
they made me keeper of the vineyards,
but my own vineyard I have not kept!
Tell me, you whom my soul loves,
where you pasture your flock,
where you make it lie down at noon;
for why should I be like one who is veiled
beside the flocks of your companions?

If you do not know,
O fairest among women,
follow the tracks of the flock,
and pasture your kids
beside the shepherds' tents.

I compare you, my love,
to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots.
Your cheeks are comely with ornaments,
your neck with strings of jewels.
We will make you ornaments of gold,
studded with silver.

While the king was on his couch,
my nard gave forth its fragrance.
My beloved is to me a bag of myrrh
that lies between my breasts.
My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms
in the vineyards of En-gedi.

Ah, you are beautiful, my love;
ah, you are beautiful;
your eyes are doves.
Ah, you are beautiful, my beloved,
truly lovely.
Our couch is green;
the beams of our house are cedar,
our rafters are pine.

We hear and receive this word from God. **Amen.**

Sermon

The Lover

Pastor Lisa

We Respond

Song of Response

WORDS: Twila Paris
MUSIC: Twila Paris
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Lamb of God

Marge Dunn & Ola Mullikin

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him
from your side,
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God.
Your gift of love, they crucified,
they laughed and scorned him as he
died,
the humble king they named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet
Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O bless me with his precious love,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me
to your side,
to be led by your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God.
Refrain

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dave and Ruby Nofziger

Lord's Prayer²

Voice 1:
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

Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory

Both: Now and forever. Amen.

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Voice 2:
Our Mother
Who is all the earth
And holy is your truth.
May your wisdom come
Your circle be one
uniting heaven and earth

Give us today a nurturing spirit

Heal through us
as we ourselves are healed

Lead us into fullness of life
And liberate all that is good
For the wisdom,
presence and goodness are yours

² adapted from an alternative prayer written for the Dominican Sisters Retreat in Great Bend, Kansas, in 1993.

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Benediction

May you go forth today to ponder these things in your heart and to remember.

Going Forth Song

WORDS: Brian Arthur Wren
MUSIC: Trad. English Melody
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When Love is Found

Marge Dunn