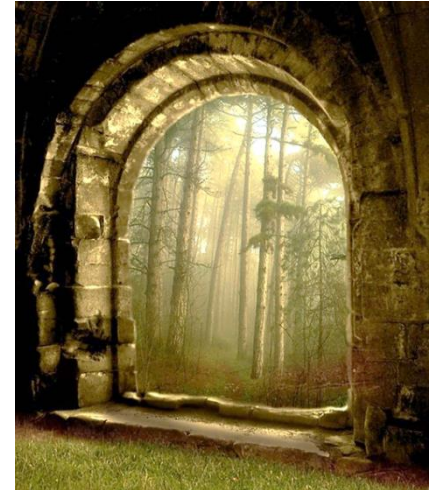


# Liminal Space

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in Lent – March 3, 2021

‡ **The Old Order Is Passing.** We have entered into liminal space. Change is happening, for better and for worse. There are things that we have lost: some, for a time; some, forever. This is a place of grief

for the good and beneficial things we suffer from losing. It is also a place where we identify “old order” things that have been part of our lives that we will do better without.



And it is a journey that is leading somewhere ... a future, a “new order” that has yet to come into focus. And, a new order that we can have a hand in shaping, for ourselves, for others and the world around us. There are some elements and aspects of life that are “non-negotiable;” that we will uphold as central priorities in life, that we refuse to lose. In liminal space, we have agency

and power to help shape the “new normal” that will emerge. Let’s be in prayer and reflection on what has been sacrificed, what we are well rid of, and what we will uphold, come what may.

**Reading: Psalm 137:1-4** By the rivers of Babylon — there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?

**What am I grieving and lamenting?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**What of the Old Order should be gone for good?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**What are the non-negotiables that will continue?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A prayer for today ...** God of the good old days, you are God of the good new days, as well. Help me to hold to open my hands, to release what is past, free of regrets and resentment. Help me to work toward a good and fruitful future that can emerge from the turbulence of this time. And, help me, above all, to hold firm to what is true and lasting, the gifts of grace from you which will adorn life with wonder and goodness in all the days to come. Amen.