

## ***Life Renewed* Lent Midweek Service**

This service is designed to be used with *Life Renewed* by providing a format to read, sing, pray, and reflect together on the Wednesday content each week. Each service contains hymn options from ELW and ACS and two questions for small group discussion or to serve as sermon prompts. The prayer has been moved from the end of day's devotion to become the opening prayer of the service. The suggested prayers later in the service can be found in ELW Evening Prayer (p. 316-318) and may be sung or spoken.

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### **March 12, pages 18-19**

#### Gathering Song

In All Our Grief	ELW 615
When it Seems the Day Will End	ACS 1034

#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Prayer, page 19

Scripture and To Ponder, page 18  
*silence for reflection*

“The unimaginable,” page 19

#### Questions

1. What do you think Abraham meant by saying God would provide the lamb?
2. In times of anxiety or grief, how has God provided for you?

#### Hymn

Lamb of God	ELW 336
If We Live, We Live to the Lord	ACS 1025

Prayers and Lord's Prayer, ELW p. 316-318

#### Blessing

May God who knows your heart and your griefs  
bless, sustain, and provide for you  
now and forever. **Amen.**

#### Sending Song

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me	ELW 325
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As a Mother Comforts Her Child ACS 1015

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be renewed in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### March 19, pages 32-33

Gathering Song

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil ELW 721

Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus ACS 904

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Prayer, page 33

Scripture and To Ponder, page 32

*silence for reflection*

“The God we serve,” page 33

Questions

1. What do you think freedom felt like to the Israelites, and what does it feel like to you?
2. Describe a time you were surprised by where God was working.

Hymn

When Our Song Says Peace ELW 709

Who is Like Our God ACS 1098

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer, ELW p. 316-318

Blessing

May God whose power brings life and freedom  
bless, and bring justice to you and through you  
now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

O God of Every Nation ELW 713

Let Us Enter In ACS 985

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be renewed in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**March 26, pages 46-47**

Gathering Song

Holy God, Holy and Glorious ELW 637  
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth ELW 735

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Prayer, page 47

Scripture and To Ponder, page 46  
*silence for reflection*

“At the crossroads,” page 47

Questions

1. Do you know someone wise? How would you describe them?
2. What wisdom have you learned from God’s love?

Hymn

Beloved, God’s Chosen ELW 648  
Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom ACS 971

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer, ELW p. 316-318

Blessing

May God whose love reveals the depths of wisdom  
bless, enlighten, and guide you  
now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

There in God’s Garden ELW 342  
O God, You Search Me ACS 1082

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be renewed in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**April 2, pages 60-61**

Gathering Song

Lord Jesus, Think On Me	ELW 599
Mercy, We Abide in You	ACS 1077

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Prayer, page 61

Scripture and To Ponder, page 60  
*silence for reflection*

“Exonerated,” page 61

Questions

1. Forgiveness and exoneration are different, but both are releases from accusation. When have you let go of an accusation against someone?
2. During confession and forgiveness in worship, what do you think about and how do you feel?

Hymn

O Christ, Our Hope	ELW 604
Now Is the Time of Grace	ACS 918

Prayers and Lord's Prayer, ELW p. 316-318

Blessing

May God who is eager to forgive and restore  
bless, release, and grant you new life  
now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us	ELW 707
Beautiful Things	ACS 925

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be renewed in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**April 9, pages 74-75**

Gathering Song

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	ELW 611
Spirit, Open My Heart	ACS 1043

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Prayer, page 75

Scripture and To Ponder, page 74-75

*silence for reflection*

“What becomes of the broken-hearted?” page 75

Questions

1. Is there a time when heartbreak has led to more tenderness in your life?
2. In what ways does God bring comfort to your heart?

Hymn

When Peace Like a River	ELW 785
There Is a Longing in Our Hearts	ACS 1078

Prayers and Lord's Prayer, ELW p. 316-318

Blessing

May God who binds up the broken-hearted  
bless, mend, and journey beside you  
now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service	ELW 712
Before the Waters Nourished the Earth	ACS 1049

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be renewed in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**