

Day 4 – “Reconciliation and ... FORGIVENESS”

Resources for the service:

- a bunch of flowers
- the glued flower pot

In preparation:

- the empty flower pot and the bunch of flowers are kept in a place where they can't be seen, but which is close at hand.

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Musical preparation

Silence

(stand)

Greeting

Leader: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

All: *Amen.*

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

All: *And my mouth will declare your praise.*

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: *And put a new and right spirit within me.*

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence,

All: *And do not take your holy spirit from me.*

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

All: *And sustain in me a willing spirit.*

(sit)

Psalm 130

Group 1: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God.
God, hear my voice!

Group 2: *Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.*

Group 1: If you, O God, mark our guilt,
who could stand?

Group 2: *But with you is forgiveness;
and for this we revere you.*

Group 1: I trust in you, O God,
my soul trusts in your word.

Group 2: *My soul waits for you, O God.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for you.*

Group 1: For with you is faithful love
and plentiful redemption.

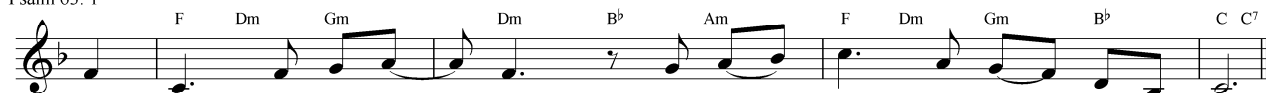
Group 2: *You will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.*

(stand)

Song: O God, you are my God

Psalm 63: 1

Simeí Monteiro, Brazil



O	God,	you	are	my	God,	I	seek	you,	my	soul	thirsts	for	you.			
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Ó	Deus,	tu	és	meu	Deus!	des -	de	ma -	nhã	meu	ser	cla -	ma	por	ti!	
¡Oh	Dios,	e -	res	mi	Dios!	¡Cla -	mo	por	ti	des -	de	el	a -	ma -	ne -	cer!
Du	Gott,	du	bist	mein	Gott!	Es	dürs -	tet	mei	-	ne	See -	le	nach	Dir.	

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Bible Reading

Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or my sister when they sin against me? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

Matthew 6: 12

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

(sit)

Meditation

(stand)

Song: Senzenina

SENZENINA

Traditional Xhosa and Zulu: South Africa

Leader

Se - nze - ni - na
What have we done?
Qu'a - vons - nous fait?

All Se - nze - ni - na, Se - nze - ni - na,
What have we done? What have we done?
Qu'a - vons - nous fait? Qu'a - vons - nous fait?

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Qu'a - vons - nous fait? Qu'a - vons - nous fait? Qu'a - vons - nous fait? Qu'a -

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Prayer

L: God says: "I am making all things new".

(Here, the pot and the bunch of flowers are placed on the altar by the leader.)

All: *God of our birth and our life,
God of our joy and our pain,
we trust that beyond our pain, there can be healing.
Beyond the brokenness within our hearts, our families and our community
there can be reconciliation.
We trust that beyond our anger can be peace.
We trust that beyond our hurting hearts there can be forgiveness.
We trust that beyond our silence God's presence speaks.*

*Challenge us to enjoy life and affirm our belief
That life may come to be the place where our faith remains,
where our hope endures, and love abides forever. Amen*

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Song: Comfort, comfort all my people

Robin Mann

Refrain

Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple with the com - fort
of my word. Speak it ten - der to my peo - ple; all your sins are
ta - ken a - way. 1. Though your tears be riv - ers run - ning,
2. Though your eyes see on - ly dark - ness,
though your tears be an o - cean full, though you cry with the
though your eyes can see no light, though your eyes see
hurt of liv - ing: com - fort, com - fort. Ev - 'ry val - ley
pain and sor - row: com - fort, com - fort. Ev - 'ry night will
shall be lift - ed, ev - 'ry moun - tain shall be low,
have its morn - ing, ev - 'ry pain will have an end,
ev - 'ry rough place will be smooth - er: com - fort, com - fort.
ev - 'ry bur - den will be light - ened: com - fort, com - fort.

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The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

*All: May the blessing of the God of peace and justice be with us;
may the blessing of the Son
who weeps the tears of the world's suffering be with us;
and may the blessing of the Spirit
who inspires us to reconciliation and hope be with us;
from now into eternity.
Amen.*

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