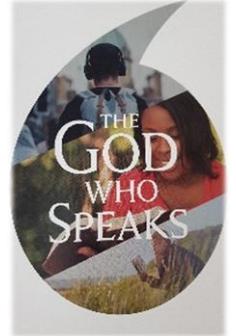


The God Who Continues To Speak... LENT 2021

HYMN

PRAYER

Living God you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the scriptures.
Your son Jesus Christ listens to our hopes and fears
and shows us how to live for one another.
Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your
witnesses throughout the world.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



FIRST READING **Esther 4:17**

I have no helper but you, Lord.

REFLECTION The Lord hears our prayers.

Anon

PRAYER

Heavenly Father you graciously give us beyond our expectations.
Your Son Jesus taught his disciples to pray with confidence knowing that the heavenly
Father in his goodness always answers prayers.
That is why we can boldly pray: Give us this day our daily bread.
Amen.

HYMN

SECOND READING **Psalm 5:1-3**

Here the voice of my prayer

REFLECTION God's way is not always our way.

Anon

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your mercies which are new every morning.
Help me to be regular, systematic, orderly and faithful in my prayer-life.
May I come into Your presence with joyful expectation,
knowing that You are a God who hears and answers prayers –
in Your own way and in Your own time.
I ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.



HYMN

GOSPEL**Matthew 7:7-12**

The one who asks always receives.

REFLECTION God is always ready to listen to us.

Graham Hunt OP

PRAYER

Lord, may the mercy we seek.
Come to us as we make our prayer.
Let the riches of heaven be given to us.
May we know what it is right to ask for
and be thankful for the gifts we receive.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**RECONCILIATION REFLECTION**

Pope Francis encouraged Catholics confined to their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic to ask God for forgiveness and then to go to confession when they are able.

“You do what the Catechism says. It is very clear: if you do not find a priest to hear your confession, speak to God, he is your father, and tell him the truth.... Promise him: ‘Later I will confess but forgive me now.’ And immediately you will return to the grace of God,”

Pope Francis

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Do we regularly listen to God’s voice?
Do we spend time in prayer each day?
Do we trust in God’s forgiveness?

We say together... I confess to Almighty God.

May Almighty God have mercy on us...

PRAYER

Lord our God
You never give up on your people.
Again and again, you want to make a new beginning with us.
You showed us in Jesus your Son the kind of people you want us to be.
As your spirit rested upon him, pour out on us the same spirit.
That we may see our mission in life with wisdom and insight in your Word.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSING****HYMN**