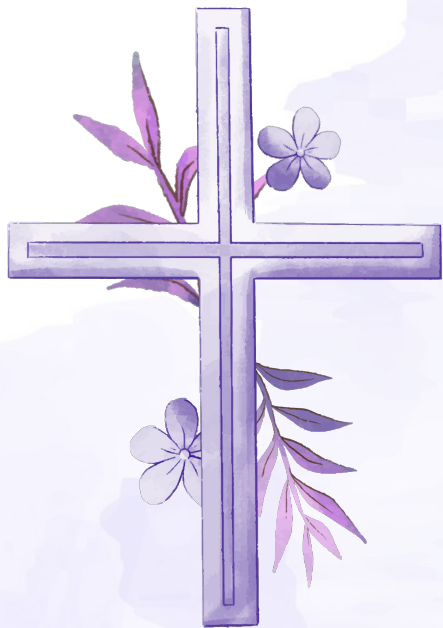


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PRELUDE

A Lenten Meditation
A.J. Powel



WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, we are gathered to worship you. In the words of the psalmist, let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our strength and redeemer. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Devotions

Daily, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
via ZOOM

One Great Hour of Sharing

Ongoing through
Resurrection Sunday, April 9,
2023.

Midweek Service

Thursdays, noon -1:00 pm
via YouTube

UPC Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8
From 10:30 am - Noon

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

From the depths of despair, O LORD, I call for your help. Hear my cry, O Lord.
Pay attention to my prayer.

LORD, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive?

But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you.

**I am counting on the LORD; yes, I am counting on him. I have put my hope
in his word.**

I long for the Lord more than sentries long for the dawn, yes, more than
sentries long for the dawn.

**O Believers hope in the LORD; for with the LORD, there is unfailing love. His
redemption overflows. He himself will redeem Believers from every kind of
sin.**

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OPENING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnbook # (GTG) 66



RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 46: 1-7

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth is transformed, and the mountains are toppled into the depths of the seas, though their waters roar and foam and the mountains quake in the surge.

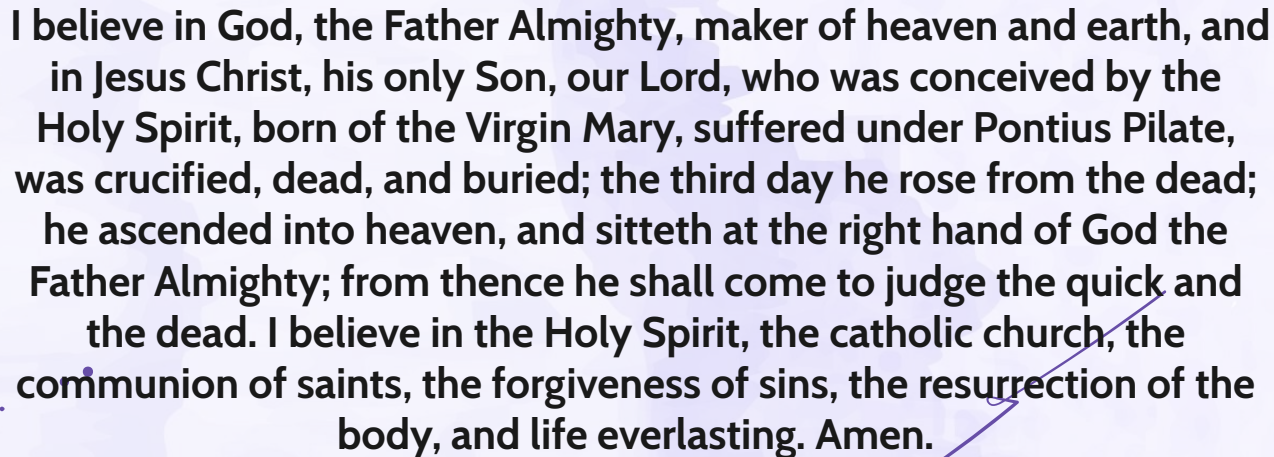
There is a river whose streams delight the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her; she will not be moved. God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, kingdoms crumble; the earth melts when He lifts His voice.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING ROMANS 8: 1-5

There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. For in Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set you free from the law of sin and death.

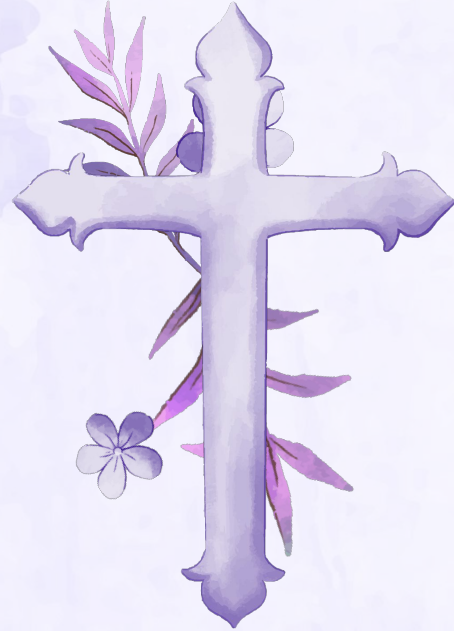
For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man as an offering for sin.

He thus condemned sin in the flesh so that the righteous standard of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk accord In our weakness to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord and confess our sins to God and before each other.





PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, we acknowledge you are Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We confess that we have failed to live up to your commandments to love you completely and to love others as we love ourselves. We have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in our weakness. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON



PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GLORY PATRIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, it is now
and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen, amen.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



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Prayer of
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Intercessory
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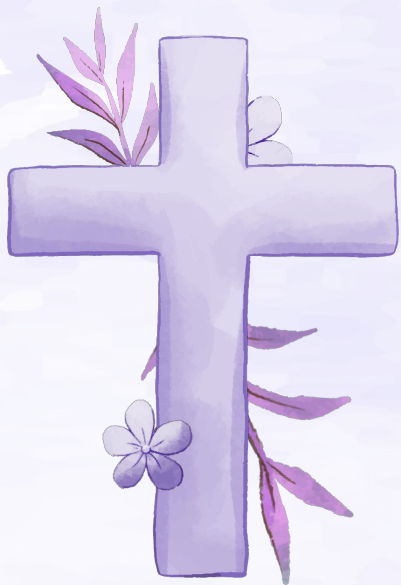


Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine art the power, the kingdom, and the glory forever. Amen.

—THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING





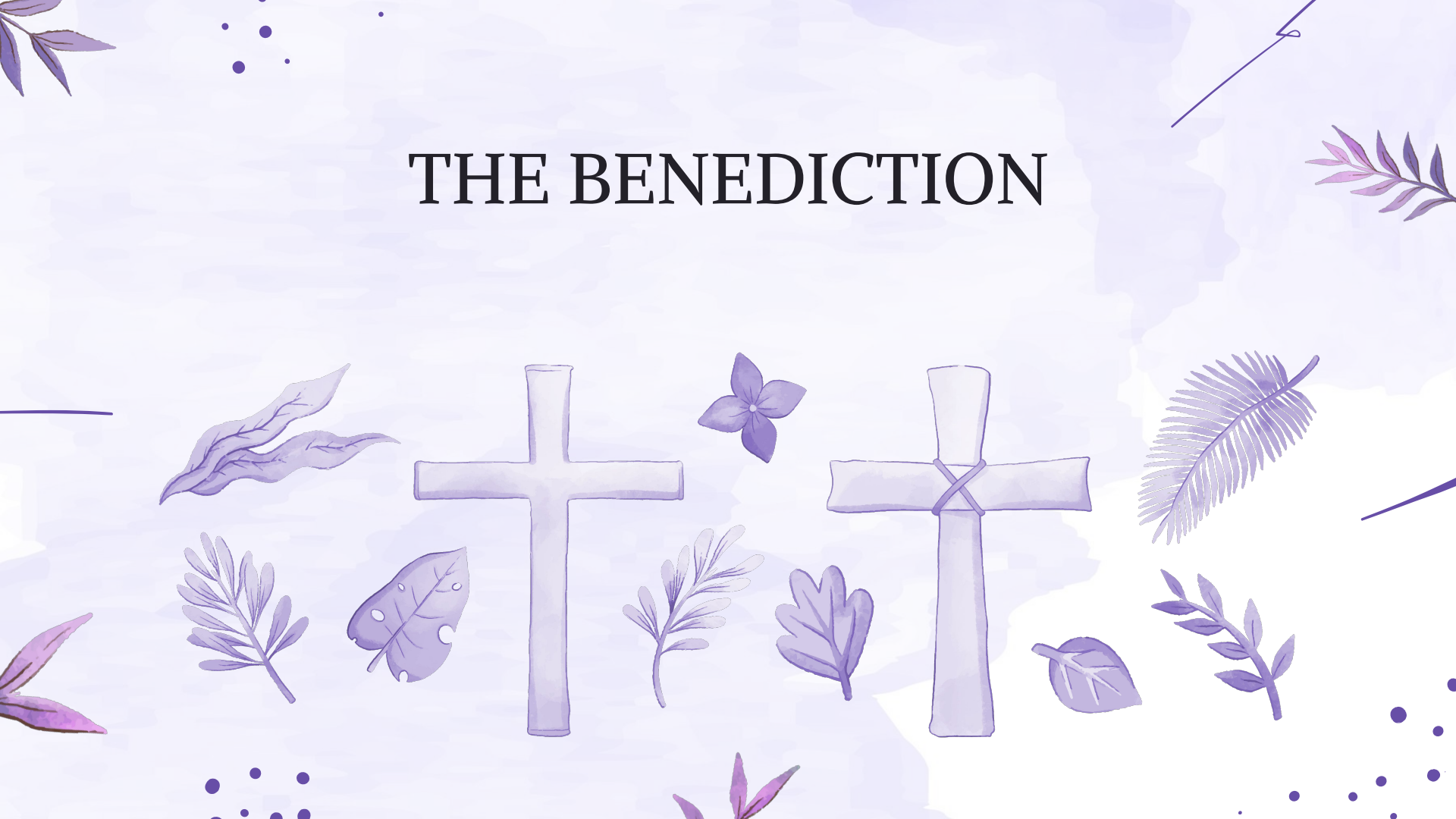
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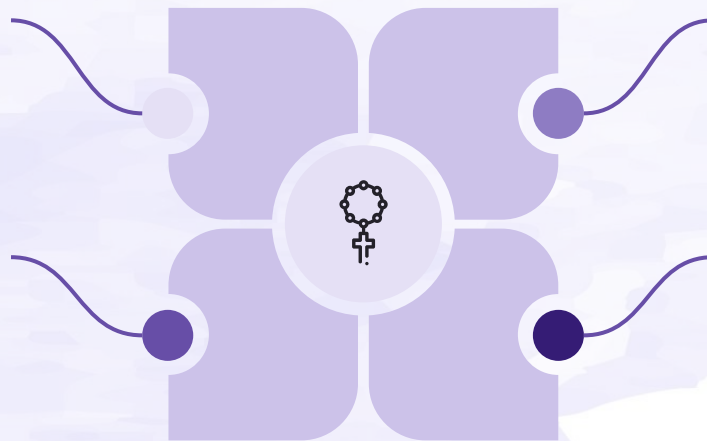
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