## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2023

**Covid Update:** Masks are available at both entrances to the church. We encourage you to do what you need to stay safe.

Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.

### **Prelude**

# Hymn in Procession # 438 (standing as you are able)

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
  Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
  tender to me the promise of his word;
  in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
  Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
  his mercy sure, from age the same;
  his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
  Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
  Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
  Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
  Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now

and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer 355 Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #278



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The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect (kneel or stand as you are able) Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

# The First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



## Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your **tabernacle**? \* who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is **right**, \* who speaks the truth from his **heart**.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his **friend**; \* he does not heap contempt upon his **neighbor**.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is re-**jected**, \* but he honors those who fear the **Lord**.
- 5 He has sworn to do no **wrong** \* and does not take back his **word**.
  6 He does not give his money in hope of **gain**, \*
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of **gain**, \* nor does he take a bribe against the **innocent**.

(Repeat second half of chant)

7 Whoever does these **things** \* shall never be over-**thrown**.

### The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

# Sequence Hymn # 605

- 1 What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
  What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?
  Do justly;
  love mercy;
  walk humbly with your God.
- 2 Rulers of earth, give ear!
  Should you not justice show?
  Will God your pleading hear,
  while crime and cruelty grow?
  Do justly;
  love mercy;
  walk humbly with your God.
- 3 Still down the ages ring
  the prophet's stern commands.
  To merchant, worker, king
  he brings God's high demands.
  Do justly;
  love mercy;
  walk humbly with your God.
- 4 How shall my soul fulfill
  God's law so hard and high?
  Let Christ endue our will
  with grace to fortify.
  Then justly;
  in mercy
  we'll humbly walk with God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12** (stand as you are able)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People Form VI

BCP p. 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; *For all who serve God in his Church*.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.* 

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

## Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

**The Peace** Book of Common Prayer p. 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

### **Announcements**

(8:30 service only)

Offertory

Celebrant **People**  All things come of Thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given Thee.

(10:30 service only)

Offertory and Doxology Hymn #43, v. 4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# **Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP. p. 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

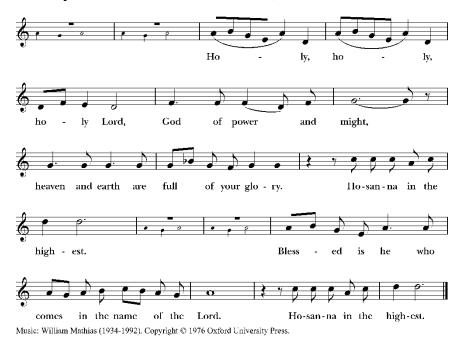
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #128



The people stand or kneel.

#### Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

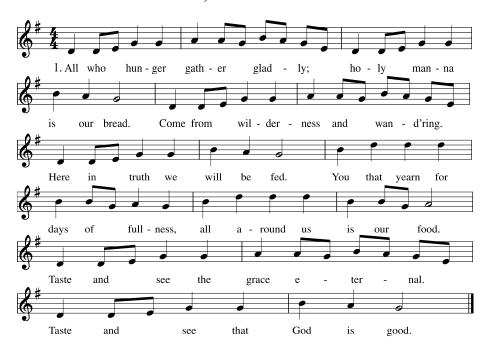
**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

# All who hunger gather gladly

Wonder Love and Praise, #761



# The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

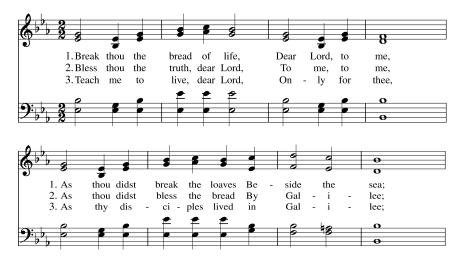
All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may intinct from the bowl or drink from the chalice. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

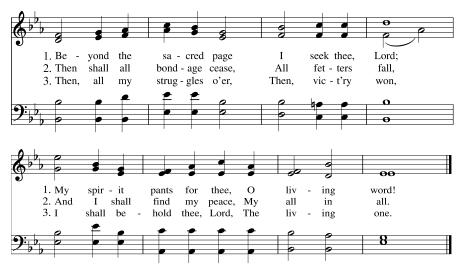
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

# Music at Communion Break Thou the Bread of Life

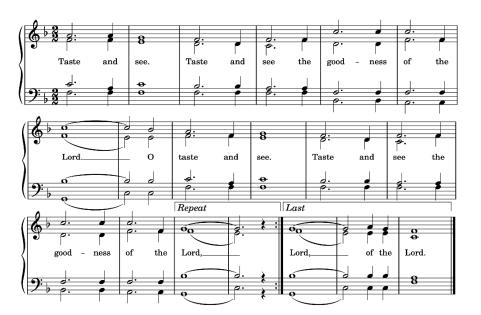
Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #146





Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913). Music: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888).

# **Meditation at Communion** Taste and See



After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

## Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Blessing**

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and for ever.

People

Amen.

## **Procession Out #616**

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

- 2 He comes with succor speedy
  to those who suffer wrong,
  to help the poor and needy,
  and bid the weak be strong;
  to give them songs for sighing,
  their darkness turn to light,
  whose souls, condemned and dying,
  were precious in his sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth: before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing; to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
- 5 O'er every foe victorious,
  he on his throne shall rest;
  from age to age more glorious,
  all-blessing and all-blest:
  the tide of time shall never
  his covenant remove;
  his Name shall stand for ever,
  his changeless Name of Love.

# **Dismissal**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the

Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

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If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Nursery Care is available for the 10:30 service

Restrooms are located downstairs.

#### PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

**Immediate Needs:** Kat Cook Arba Montgomery Mary Couture Tammy Moore Emily Stacie Adams Craig New Melissa Roth Culver Erin Apperson Wade Nichols Roger Danley Bobbie Bledsoe Bill R. Pendleton Paul Derrick Tina Brown Kerry Reagan Ron Doerschug Marie Carl Linda Doerschug Rob Sanderson Mazie Chilton Brenda Schuster Barbara Embry **Emily Jarvis Simmons** Anne Cox Donna Fargo Susan Slate Sarah Springthorpe-Ginny Gilbert Denmark Rose Mary Smoot Betty Hooven Debbie Dockery Johnny Springthorpe Kelly Jarvis Mark Donnell Tammy Springthorpe Carrie Krahn Sonia Donnell Sharon Sutphin David Kroupa Marcus Ford Carolvn Town Angelia Lawrence Ashley Fulk Celeste Tsaklis John Moore Gus Galloway Betty Wilhite Michael Morgan Johnnie Gunter Betty Wright Angie Nolfo Steve Hines Jim Wuenscher Bill Pendleton Melissa Hopkins Pat Zebrowski Victoria Rogelin Jacky Karlinsky **Long Term Needs:** Candace Sammons Joy King Jean Amburn Evedene Schafer Kay MacAllen \*Anonymous Sid Spencer, Jr. Rebecca McNabb Sally Cebula Betty Town Ann Cochrane Vicky Town

# TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Jack Woltz

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole & Matthew Quilliman.

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Church of the Ascension Fork, Advance Christ Church, Albemarle All Souls', Ansonville

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

January 29th Polly Gross

#### **FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my sister, Florence Polidoro, by Ann Marie McGuirl.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 each Sunday morning. The adults will meet in the Parish Hall to study Creation Care. The youth will be in Sarah's office and the children will be in the Sunday School room.

SAVE THE DATE: February 5, 2023 First Sunday Pot Luck Lunch Join us for good food and fellowship in Trinity's Parish Hall for a potluck lunch after the 10:30 service, approx. 12:00 p.m. Bring your favorite salad, bread, dessert or casserole to share. This is our opportunity to meet our fellow parishioners some of whom are new to Trinity. Trinity will provide the drinks and tableware.

The **Altar Guild** will host a luncheon on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 a.m. service. This is for all members and for anyone interested in volunteering.

The **flower chart for 2023** has been posted. There are still several spots available to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one.

**Youth Group-**If anyone has an inground basketball goal the would like to donate, please let us know.

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Trinity's 2023 Stewardship Campaign started in November with a goal of \$213,000. We are hoping to conclude the campaign by January 25<sup>th</sup> in order that we may finalize our 2023 operating budget. To date we have received 47 pledges totaling \$177,000, thus we are \$36,000 short of our goal. However, we have 9 members who pledged in 2022, representing \$22,000 in pledge revenue, who have not yet pledged in 2023. Assuming these 9 members pledge what they did in 2022 our shortfall will be reduced to \$14,000. We also have 9 members with outstanding pledge balances from 2022 of \$9,000. Since the books are closed for 2022 any of the \$9,000 received in 2023 would further reduce our shortfall to only \$5,000.

We know that economic times are tough with the current inflation rates, some or most retired members on fixed income and the investment market on a downturn for the past 12+ months. However, we ask that EVERYONE continue to support the operations and mission of Trinity by taking action on the above items or by increasing your current 2023 pledge to cover any shortfall.

The Vestry THANKS YOU for your continued support of Trinity Church.

#### **MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE**

Today	Ministry	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Angela Stroup	LECTOR	Nancy Dixon
Jim Couture	CHALICE BEARER	Mike Wilson
Mary Fawcett	GREETER	Pat Sanderson
Tom Fawcett	ACOLYTE	Mike Wilson

#### MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Denny Jennings	LECTOR	Brenda Goings
Brenda Goings	CHALICE BEARER	Roxann Moore
Pat & Morris	GREETERS	Ann V. & Jesse
Pam Dickenson	ALTAR GUILD	Ann Vaughn
Lee Wilsonwithers	VESTRY	Ross Borders
Roxann Moore	ACOLYTE	Wyatt Fallin

#### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
-	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Loan Closet
•	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Book Group
·	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
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#### TRINITY VESTRY

Ross Borders, Margie Martin, Roxann Moore, James Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson, Lee Wilsonwithers



No matter where you come from or where you're going
No matter what you believe or what you doubt
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today
No matter whom you love
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God
who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows
your mind, and...

who wants to have a relationship with you

