

Holy Week
“Lessons and Signs”
April 23, 2006

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing Joys

Reading #1

Lighting of the candle

We light a candle for all those who see beyond their own interests and commit themselves to the greatest good for all people.

Song ~ “What Does the Lord Require of Us?”

What does the Lord require of us?
What does the Lord require of us?
To do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Reading #2

Lighting of the candle

We light a candle for all those who courage to listen to the still small voice of conscious, and stand for what is right and good and just.

Song ~ “What Does the Lord Require of Us”

Reading #3

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Song ~ “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”

Prepare ye the way of the Lord (repeat)

Song ~ “O Bless the Lord My Soul”

O bless the Lord my soul, his grace to thee proclaim
And all that is within me joins to bless his holy name
Oh, yeah

O bless the Lord my soul, his mercies bear in mind
Forget not all his benefit, the Lord to thee is kind

He will not always chide, he will with patience wait
His wrath is ever slow to rise.
And ready to abate, and ready to abate,
And ready to and ready to and ready to and ready to abate.

He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath
He healeth thy infirmities , and ransoms thee from death

He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth
And like the eagle he renews, the vigor of thy youth.

Then bless his holy name, whose grace has made me whole
Whose lovingkindness crowns thy days
O bless the Lord my soul, O bless the Lord my soul

O bless the Lord, O bless the Lord, O bless the Lord,
O bless the Lord my soul.

Reading # 4

Lighting of the candle

We light this candle to those who have the strength and courage to speak the truth to power in presence of danger.

Song of meditation ~ Carrie Rose on flute

Reading #5

Extinguishing the candles

We extinguish these candles to remember that difficulties often cloud our way and discourage us and cause us to lose hope.

Dancing our Way to Easter

Jeanne/Lauren Jarvis-Gibson and Brianna/Renee Vlantou

Reflection ~ "Resurrecting the Values of the Historical Jesus"

Reading #6

Song ~ "Here Comes the Sun (Son)"

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right.

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right.

Little darling, the smiles returning to their faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right.

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes (repeat)

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been clear
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right.

Reading #7

Closing Song ~ "St. Teresa's Prayer"

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good
Yours and the hand with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet
Yours are the eyes, yours are his body
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours
Yours are eyes through which he looks compassion on this world
Christ has no body now on earth, but yours

(Readings were written by UU minister Jory Agate)

Benediction and Charge

All: *May we go out into the world carrying with each of us the love and blessing of this Interfaith Community*

Reader: May we continue to hold on to what is good
and to stand as beacons of light and understanding for all people.

All: *May God's spirit and peace be with us each now and forever.*

Reader: May the Lord bless you and keep you and bring you peace. Amen.

Blessing over Snack

Hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz, we give thanks to God for bread
Our voices raise in song together as our joyful prayer is said

Baruch atah adonai elohaynu melech ha-olam
Hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz, Amen

We thank thee, God, for happy hearts, for rain and sunny weather. We thank thee, God, for
this our food, and that we are together.

— *Emilie Fendall Johnson*