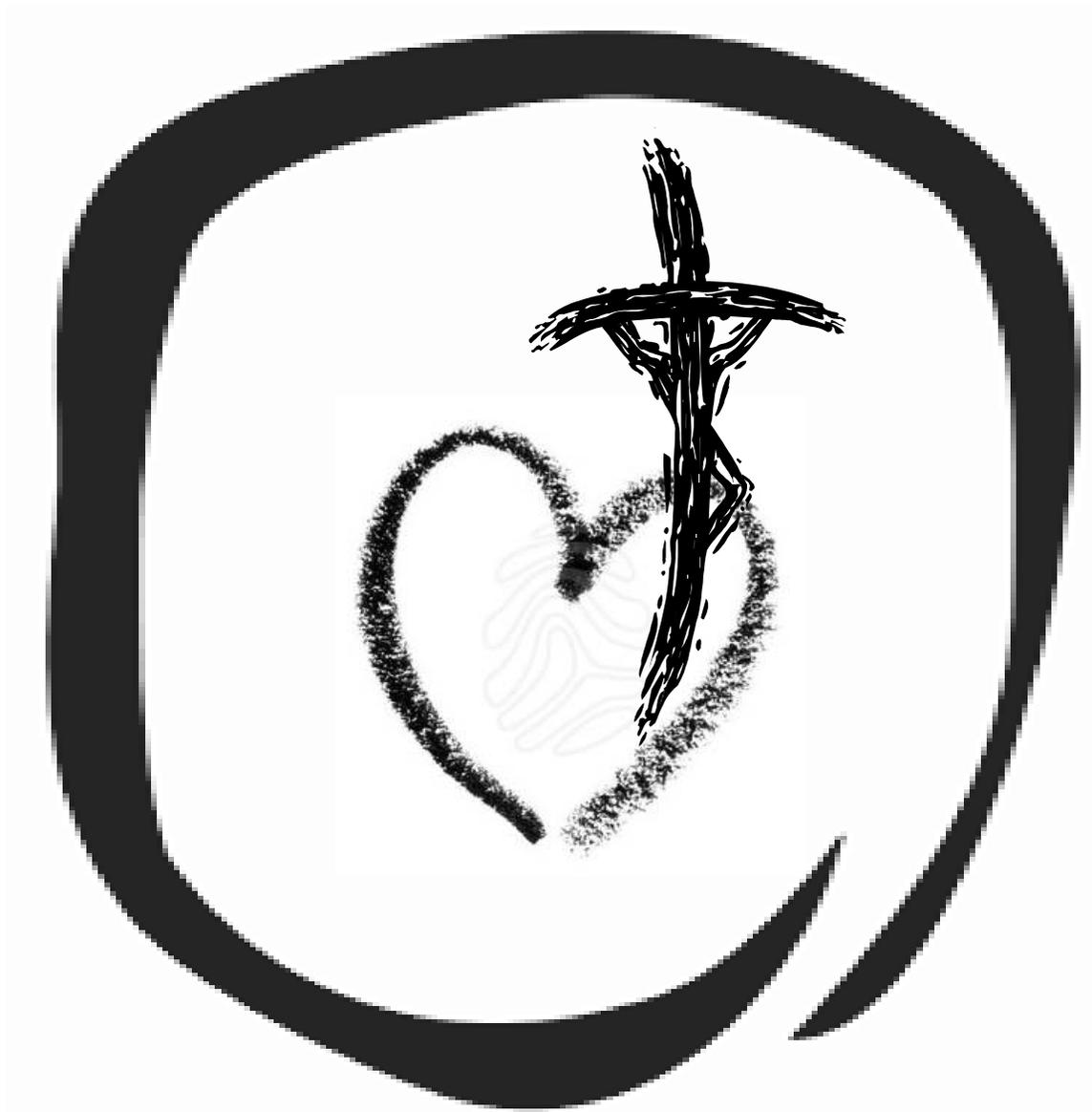


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**PEOPLE NEED THE LORD!**

**Opening Prayer**

L: Into Your presence we come, Heavenly Father  
as Your children have done throughout the centuries.  
In vast Cathedrals, parish Churches, Chapels, homes,  
warehouses, converted cinemas, in lonely isolated places.  
Alone or gathered together with others,  
Your Church is wherever Your people meet together  
in worship, in fellowship and in prayer.

Your presence is discernable wherever Your Spirit is allowed to enter.

**P: Be with us now, loving Father.**

L: Into Your presence we come, Holy Spirit,  
mindful of our own failings;  
our thoughts, words and actions that have shown nothing of Your love.

**P: Forgive us now, redeeming Spirit.**

L: Into Your presence we come, gentle Savior;  
remembering Your sacrifice on a cruel cross  
so that we might know freedom from the bondage of sin,  
and be made right again with our Creator.

**P: Thank You compassionate Christ.**

***Song Every Body Needs A Quiet Place To Pray***

**Everybody needs a quiet place to pray;  
Everybody needs a quiet place to pray.  
Everybody needs a quiet place to think about the Father's grace;**

**We all need a quiet place to pray.**

**Everybody needs a place to call their home;  
Everybody needs a place to call their home.  
Everybody needs a homing place, and friends and fam'ly to embrace;**

**We all need a place to call our home.**

**Everybody needs someone to bear their load;  
Everybody needs someone to bear their load.  
Everybody needs someone to bear, a spotless lamb is hanging there;**

**We all need someone to bear our load.  
Jesus has already borne your load.**

## Lenten Litany

L: Circle us, Lord.

Circle us with the light of Your presence within this dark world.

**P: Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation.**

**Enable us to be victors over sin and despair.**

**Enable us to become that which You would desire.**

(Silent prayer)

L: Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

**P: Circle us with the Light of Your Presence.**

L: Circle us, Lord.

Circle our family within the shelter of Your outstretched arms.

**P: Protect us in each moment of our daily lives.**

**Protect us in the decisions that we face.**

**Protect our homes and relationships.**

(Silent prayer)

L: Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation

**P: Circle our families with the Light of Your Presence.**

L: Circle us, Lord.

**P: Circle this world with the joy of Your Salvation.**

**Where there is sickness and disease bring healing.**

**Where there is hunger and despair bring hope.**

**Where there is torture and oppression bring release.**

(Silent prayer)

L: Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation

**P: Circle this world with the Light of Your Presence.**

## Mark 1:35-39 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### A Preaching Tour in Galilee

<sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup> He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## Ephesians 5:15-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

## Video Vignette Rob Bell "Shells"

Hymn:

"Listen, God is Calling"

WOV Blue Hymnal #712

## Benediction and Blessing

L: For each step that we might take,

**P: Be our guide, O Lord of life.**

L: For each load that we might bear,

**P: Be our strength, O Lord of life.**

L: For each mountain we might face,

**P: Be our power, O Lord of life.**

L: For each river that might impede,

**P: Be our safety, O Lord of life.**

L: For each place where we might rest,

**P: Be our peace, O Lord of life.**

L: For each sunrise and sunset,

**P: Be our joy, O Lord of life.**