

Eucharistic Prayer

Our Shade-Keeping God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the God who protects us.

Let us trust in the Shade-Keeping of our God

We rest and trust in the protective shade of God.

Great is the mystery of faith.

God's protection has died.

God's protection is risen.

God's protection will return and return and return.

Holy One, whose shade keeps us safe,

we thank you for your protection.

Offer us shelter, wherever we are,

whomever we are,

whatever we have done,

whatever we have left undone,

whatever has been done to us.

Strengthen our spirit this day and the next,
teaching us to heal from all that causes harm.

Restore us to your justice, freedom, and love,
as we resist evil and strive for what is good.

For your shade-keeping love is all that we seek,
in this life and in the life to come.

Amen.

Brought Forth in Love

SPC Worship Through the Season of Lent

February 22 – April 7

Our journey through Lent this year invites us to dwell in our "birthright of love" as we wrestle with the human condition: choices and consequences, fear and trust, ignorance and wisdom, heartache and joy.

February 26: Rooted in Wisdom

March 5: Shade-Keeping

March 12: The Lentiest Lent (COVID Reflections)

March 19: The Soulful Self

March 26: If These Bones Could Talk

April 2: Palm Sunday

April 6: Maundy Thursday

April 7: Good Friday Vigil

Send up to one-page written contributions for March 12 COVID Reflections to the church office by noon, March 8.
What do you Lament? What have you Learned?
What have you Let Go?

Worship Planning Team: David Hatchett, Perry Jamieson, Patti McCarthy, Diana Patterson, Debbie Romano.

Prayer for Shade-Keeping

Please tell me that I was a good child
And that I did everything right
And that the atmosphere was exactly certain
I want you to love me
In ways that you never have
So that I become a forgotten world
With rainbow sunrises over dark green trees
And the cooling of the day
Becomes normal again
We will sit and watch the body of water
That we once called a sort of death
You know even in my dreams
You say I'll never get it right
This is not a dream
We are burning here with no escape
But no matter how many times
They talk about the moon
It does not take a poet
To know that the moon
Is still only an illusion
Only an illusion
The moon calls out to all of us
Come back, it says
But we don't hear it
Already on our way
To somewhere

"This Beautiful Planet" by Dorothea Lasky

Responsive Lesson

Psalm 121

A Song of Rising

I lift up my eyes to the hills –
From whence will my help come?

*My help comes from the God
who made heaven and earth.*

Will God let your foot be moved;
Will The One Who Keeps you ever slumber?

*The God who keeps us
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

Is God your keeper;
Is God is your shade at your right hand?
*The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.*

Will God keep you from all evil;
Will God keep your life?

*God will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.*

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