

*Communion Song ~ Return to God*, By Marty Haugen

*Refrain*

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;  
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

- 1 Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;  
come and learn now the way of our God. *Refrain*
2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,  
a heart of compassion and love. *Refrain*
3. If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the pris'ner free;  
if you share your bread with the hungry,  
give protection to the lost;  
give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst,  
then your light shall break forth like the dawn. *Refrain*

*Closing Song ~ Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door*

African American Spiritual

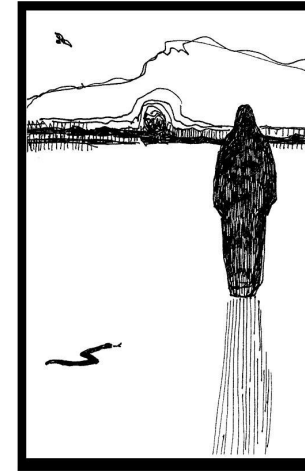
Somebody's knockin' at your door; Somebody's knockin' at  
your door; O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's  
knockin' at your door.

1. Knocks like Jesus, Somebody's knockin' at your door;  
Knocks like Jesus, Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
2. Can't you hear him? Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Can't you hear him? Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
3. Jesus calls you, Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Jesus calls you, Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

*Welcome to St. Therese Parish!*

February 21, 2021 ~ 11:30 a.m,

*First Sunday of Lent*



*Opening Song ~ Hosea, by Gregory Norbet*

Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.  
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply  
our new life.

The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice, With tenderness, you shall know.  
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply  
our new life.

*Mass Acclamations ~ Mass of Saint Ann*, by Ed Bolduc.

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*Responsorial Psalm Psalm 125*, vss. 4-5,6-7,8-9, Music by Jaime Cortez

R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD,  
thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice,  
and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.



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**Lenten Small Groups Begin Today! (Feb 21)**

*To join these weekly sessions, please contact a group leader below.*

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Each session will focus on the Gospel for the following Sunday and will also include a selection from current writings on racism. There is a preparatory session to be done in advance. For questions or to add a group, contact [Victoria Ries, victoria.ries@comast.net](mailto:victoria.ries@comast.net),

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*Table Song ~ Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*, Spiritual



1. Je - sus walked this lone - some val - ley;  
2. We must walk this lone - some val - ley;  
3. You must go and stand your tri - al;



1. He had to walk it by him - self.  
2. We have to walk it by our - selves.  
3. You have to stand it by your - self.



1. Oh, no - bod - y else could walk it for him;  
2. Oh, no - bod - y else can walk it for us;  
3. Oh, no - bod - y else can stand it for you;



1. He had to walk it by him - self.  
2. We have to walk it by our - selves.  
3. You have to stand it by your - self.