



LAST WORDS *from the* CROSS



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LITURGY & PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

“The landscape of worship varies; the expanse of it knows no bounds.

In the days and weeks of Lent, God moves us to worship with exploring spirits. We enter this season as though exploring a wilderness place; there are subtle movements around about us, soft sounds new to our hearing, rugged stretches testing our strength.

In the company of one another, may we perceive the Spirit’s movement, hear the calls of faith, and grow strong in accepting the guidance of God.”

FROM: COVENANT BOOK OF WORSHIP

A LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners. Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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A Prayer for A Pandemic:

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May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbour. Amen.

BY: CAMERON WIGGINS BELLM

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come. Your 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 that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A CHARGE FOR US ALL IN THIS MOMENT

May every hand we don't shake become a phone call that we place.

May every embrace that we avoid become a verbal expression of warmth and concern

May every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise.

BY: RABBI YOSEF KANESKY

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forever. Amen.

God loves you, and so do I!

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What is something you noticed for the first time?

What questions did you have?

Was there anything that bothered you?

What did you learn about loving God?

What did you learn about loving others?

In what ways are you a part of the Emmanuel Church family?

In what ways are the people of Emmanuel a part of you?

How have you experienced the Church to be a new family for you?

What are some things you may be able to do to embrace the importance of the whole church family? At Emmanuel? In our community? Globally?