



February 16, 2022

Dear Friends,

Lent begins soon with the observance of Ash Wednesday on March 2, 2022. I take the opportunity to invite you to participate again, or, for the first time, in the 5-Minute Lenten series, which will be offered during the weekdays of Lent (Mondays-Fridays), beginning Thursday, March 3, 7:00-7:05 p.m. via Zoom. This special series, entitled, My God, My God, will follow Psalm 22 verse by verse. This is the Psalm that is read at the closing of the Maundy Thursday service during the stripping of the altar. I encourage you to participate in these brief times of reflections and worship, and, please invite others to participate along with you.

[Click here](#) for our evening Zoom link.

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I also invite clergy and lay leaders (of any age or experience) to sign up to lead these brief services. Leaders will help guide the preplanned service via Zoom, while adding their own 2-3 sentence prayer and a very brief (single paragraph) reflection on the verse of the evening. Leaders do not need any special credentials to lead—a faithful heart and willing spirit are sufficient. Our diocesan Canon for Faith Formation and Evangelism, the Rev. Natalie Hall, can help you to prepare, if you would appreciate some assistance.

Please sign up to [lead here](#).

You will receive a [preparation sheet](#) via email about your [selected date\(s\)](#).

Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to turn our attention toward the ways God ushers us through difficulties and uncertainties with the unchanging promise of God's presence. I hope that you will consider taking part, as able, in this rich and meaningful program. Five minutes is all that is needed!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read '+ Ketlen A. Solak'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

The Rt. Rev. Ketlen A. Solak, D.Min.
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