**75th Anniversary of the Hiroshima’s Nuclear Bomb**

**Facing Pain: A Service of Lament**

**August 6, 1945- 8:15 a.m.**

*We say together the words printed in* bold.

We meet in the presence of God

***All***  **who knows our needs, hears our cries,**

**feels our pain, and heals our wounds.**

Let us pray. The weight of grief bears heavily upon us but it is a load we need not bear alone. Let us offer our burden to Jesus,

Lord of life and of death, of the present and of the future.

We bring before you, Lord, our confusion in the face of shock,

our despair in the face of tragedy, our helplessness in the face of death. Lift from us our burden,

***All***   **and in your power, renew us.**

We bring before you, Lord, the tears of sorrow,

the cries for help, the vulnerability of pain.

Lift from us our burden,

***All***   **and in your power, renew us.**

We bring before you, Lord, our sense of frustration,

our feeling of powerlessness, our fears for the future.

Lift from us our burden,

***All***   **and in your power, renew us.**

We bring before you, Lord, our frustrated hopes,

our unfulfilled desires, our unfettered sadness.

Lift from us our burden,

***All***   **and in your power, renew us.**]

God of the desolate and despairing, your Son Jesus Christ was forced to carry the instrument of his own death — the cross that became for us the source of life and healing. Transform us in our suffering that in the pain we bear you might be for us a fount of life and a spring of hope; though him who died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

***All***   **Amen.**

**Sharing the Story Hiroshima’s reconstruction**

**Psalm 102 – a Psalm of Lament**

Turn your ear to me; be swift to answer when I call.

***All***   **Turn your ear to me; be swift to answer when I call.**

Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you:

***All***   **be swift to answer when I call.**

Do not hide your face from me in the day of my trouble:

***All***   **be swift to answer when I call.**

You, Lord, endure for ever, and your name from age to age:

***All***   **be swift to answer when I call.**

You will be moved to have compassion on Zion,

for it is time to have pity on her:

***All***   **be swift to answer when I call.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

***All***   **Turn your ear to me; be swift to answer when I call.**

**Words of Comfort**

*A short silence is kept between each of the readings.*

Hear these words of comfort which the Lord our God offers to all in trouble and distress:

Jesus said ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’ *Matthew 11.29,30*

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

*Isaiah 43.2-3a*

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8.38-39*

**Finding Hope**

**The Hiroshima Peace Memorial City Construction Law 1949: The Hiroshima Peace Memorial City Construction Law was enacted**

**Reading Psalm 133**

This is the word of the Lord. ***All***   **Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of Hope**

We light this candle to remind us that when God the Father raised Jesus from the dead, he defeated the power of death, and his light shines in the midst of the darkness of this world.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

The Lord is the strength of my life.

***All***   **The Lord is my light and my salvation;**

**The Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness

And the darkness has not overcome it.

***All***   **The Lord is the strength of my life.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

***All***   **The Lord is my light and my salvation;**

**The Lord is the strength of my life.**

**Laying Down the Past**

*Prayers of Intercession The prayers end with this Collect*

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. ***All***   **Amen.**

*Stand.*

**Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon)**

***All***  **Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:**

**your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation**

**which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**

**A light to reveal you to the nations**

**and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray that we may know life and hope in Jesus Christ as we say

***All*** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy 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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Moving into the Future Blessing and Dismissal**

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God.

***All***   **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,

strengthen *you* to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

be among *you* and remain with *you* always. ***All***   **Amen.**

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