LITURGY FOR LENT (ISAIAH 55):

(Congregation Standing)

Hear me, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me and eat what is good.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.



(Congregation Seated)

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their way; and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, *And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*



As the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth, it shall not return to me empty.

It shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. *You shall go out with joy, And be led back in peace.*

The mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, *And the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*

(Congregation Standing)

