

# “The First Dinner: Risking Rejection”

## Week Five of Lent

# Entering the Story

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME - OUR MINISTRY - LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

*Invitation to the journey*

*Solo “Enter the Story*

*Introduction to our theme for the day*

**Enter**

**Enter the passion**

**Enter the place we belong**

**Not just looking on**

**For this is *our* passion**

**Enter the passion**

**Enter**

**Enter the passion**

**Enter the place we belong**

**Not just looking on**

**For this is *our* passion**

**Enter the passion**

**Enter the story...**

**Enter the passion...**

**Enter his passion.**

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OPENING PRAYER

SONG

“There is Room For All”  
three times

MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God’s wing;  
there is room for all, sheltered in God’s love.  
And I rejoice and sing, “My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust.”  
There is room for all, there is room for all!**

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THE GOOD NEWS AND THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## Getting Perspective

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.**

**Refrain:**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

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TELLING THE STORY: THROUGH A CHILD’S EYES

Mark 14: 3-9 A Woman Anoints Jesus

LISTENING FOR THE STORY Psalm 23

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

DWELLING IN THE STORY









REFLECTION

"In Remembrance of Her"

Craig S. Miller

Do we know the names of people who seek the same things we do?

Might we learn from an outsider?

And in some cases, might we risk being the outsider  
who can do what those on the inside can't, or won't?"

Questions from Amy Jill Levine in "Entering the Passion of Jesus"

## Zooming In

THE BODY OF CHRIST PRAYS "And When You Call For Me"

MV 96

**And when you call for me  
I have already answered.  
And when you call for me  
I am already there.**

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THE PRAYER OF JESUS

"A Paraphrase"

VU 916

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name  
echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by people of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

A TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES

*Time for Reflection*

What uncomfortable stories are we called to tell in our time?

## Entering the World's Story

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY

"The Servant Song"

VU 595

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travelers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

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BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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