

MID-WEEK LENTEN CONVERSATION
THEME FROM PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11
-based on resource from *Sundays and Seasons*
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Each week includes the Lord's Prayer in a unique translation. The hope is that various expressions of this ancient prayer will give new insights as we explore "at the name of Jesus."

AT THE NAME OF JESUS



The Philippians reading is the second reading on Palm Sunday. The Word of the passage focuses our attention on the centrality of the passion narrative. It is a narrative that stretches the theological and emotional spectrum.

FOCUS READING: Philippians 2: 5-11
The bracketed numbers refer to the week this line is being studied. Each week, as you read this text, pause and repeat the line for the week three times.

Let **the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus** (5), who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, **but emptied himself** (1), taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, **he humbled himself** (1) and **became obedient to the point of death** (2)--- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bend** (3), in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and **every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord** (4), to the glory of God the Father.

WEEK 1

Christ Emptied and Humbled Himself

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.
Amen.

Isaiah 53: 4-9

Philippians 2: 5-11

But emptied himself
But emptied himself
But emptied himself
He humbled himself
He humbled himself
He humbled himself

REFLECTION / CONVERSATION

- What does it mean to empty oneself? Humble oneself?
- How does, *he emptied himself/humbled himself*, affect you?
- How does the passage from Isaiah compliment Philippians 2?
- Is there an insight about Jesus that has been highlighted for you?
- What are you taking with you from today's discussion?

PRAYER

Our Parent in the spirit world, sacred is your Name
Bring us Your Chiefly rule; may it happen in the way that is to You, good.
May it happen on earth in the same way as in spirit world.
Give us now the food we need this day.
Strip us of our sins;
give us back what we have lost;

so that we, the slaves of sin, may be with you again.

Do not lead us into temptation;
may we be whole, away from things evil;
through your chiefly position,
is the power and the glory.

Forever and ever. **Amen.**

-Maori version of Lord's Prayer
translated to English

Receive good news:

God turns to you in love. *"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,"* says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Amen.

God's love is poured out in Christ for you,
Go share this Good News.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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WEEK 2

Christ Became Obedient

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is present, who gives life, who calls
into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

Genesis 12: 1-9

Philippians 2: 5-11

Becoming obedient to death-

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REFLECTION / CONVERSATION

- How does the phrase, *being obedient to death-* affect you?
- How does the passage from Isaiah compliment Philippians 2?
- Is there an insight about Jesus that has been highlighted for you?

- What are you taking with you from today's discussion?

PRAYER

Our Father in the Heavens;
your Name must be being Hallowed;
Your kingdom must be being restored.
Your Will must be being done both in
Heaven and upon the Earth.

Give us today our tomorrow's bread;
and forgive us our faults,
as we forgive those offending us,
for You would not lead us into
temptation, but deliver us from its evil.

Amen.

-translation Ferrar Fenton

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WEEK 3

At the Name of Jesus All Knees Shall Bow

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is present, who gives life, who calls
into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

1 Kings 18: 30-40

Philippians 2: 5-11

at the name of Jesus every knee should bend

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REFLECTION / CONVERSATION

- What are your initial thought about the phrase, *at the name of Jesus every knee should bend*?
- How does the passage from Kings compliment Philipians 2?
- Is there an insight about Jesus that has been highlighted for you?
- What are you taking with you from today's discussion?

PRAYER

O Parent of the Universe,
manifesting thyself as generative energy,
Bend over us and remove all that clutters
our being and set apart a place where thy
sacredness may dwell.
Fill us with thy creativity,
so that we may be empowered to bear
the fruit of thy vision.
Then, moving to the heartbeat of thy
desire, make us the embodiment of thy
compassion.
Drawing from the ground of our
humanity grant that we may renew
each other with love, understanding,
and sustenance.
Empty us of frustrated hopes and despair,
as we restore others to a renewal of
vision.
And let us not fall into agitation,
but save us from precipitous actions.
For thou art the ground of the fruitful
vision, the birthing-power,
and the fulfilment, as all is gathered
and made whole once again. **Ameyn.**

-poetic rendition of the
Aramaic Lord's Prayer

Saadi Neil Douglas-Klotz, Institute for Culture
and Creation Spirituality (Spring 1991)

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abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Amen.

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WEEK 4

Every Tongue Confesses Jesus

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is present, who gives life, who calls
into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

Genesis 28: 10-15

Philippians 2: 5-11

*Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ
is Lord*

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REFLECTION / CONVERSATION

- How does the phrase, *every tongue
should confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord*, affect you?
- How does the passage from
Genesis compliment Philipians 2?
- Is there an insight about Jesus that
has been highlighted for you?
- What are you taking with you
from today's discussion?

PRAYER

O Divine Womb, birthing forth the river of
blessing which runs through all,
Soften the ground of our being,
and hallow in us a space for the planting
of thy presence.

In our depths sow thy seed with its
greening-power that we might be

mid-wives to they Reign.
Then, let each of our actions bear fruit in
accordance with thy desire.
Impart to us the wisdom to bring forth the
gifts of the earth and share them daily
according to the needs of each being,
And restore that which has been usurped
by injustice to its rightful owners,
as we restore to others
that which is not our own.
Do not let us be seduced by that which
would divert us from our purpose, but
make us sensitive to the moment at hand.
For from thy fertile soil is born the
creativity, the life-energy, and the dance,
from birthing to birthing. **Ameyn.**

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WEEK 5

Let the Same Mind Be in You

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is present, who gives life, who calls
into existence the things that do not exist.
Amen.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Philippians 2: 5-11

*Have the same mindset as Christ Jesus
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REFLECTION / COVERSATION

- How does, *have the same mindset as Christ Jesus*, affect you?
- How does the passage from Jeremiah compliment Philippians 2?
- Is there an insight about Jesus that has been highlighted for you?
- What are you taking with you from today's discussion?

PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what's best--- as above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving
others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
You're in charge!
You can do anything you want!
You're ablaze in beauty!
Yes. Yes. Yes. **Amen.**

-Based on Matt. 6,
translation Eugene Petersen

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