

# WESLEY WORSHIP 9:00

15 March 2020

## Lent 3

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### Gathering

Welcome and News

Greeting

Call to worship

Children of God, it's time to take off your shoes,  
Let go of the anxieties and worries, and  
Wade with trust into the stream of God's compassionate grace.

**We come to be still for a moment,  
to gather in holy time and space.**

Let the healing waters wash your heart.  
Take a deep breath as Love soaks into your soul.

**We come to know again that we belong,  
We are treasured by God,**

Listen to the whispering of God  
Let the conversations with God begin

**We come with our questions  
And with our deep desires**

**To re-orientate our lives in God.**

*([St Martins Presbyterian Church](#), Christchurch, NZ)*

**TiS 658 The Power of your love**

**Leaning in** (Rom 5:6-11)  
a bird falls, wings  
resting, to be caught by clouds:  
life in the Spirit

Sarah Agnew

## ATE 218 Spirit

*(refrain)*

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free.*

*Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land,  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions your people arise.

Jim Manley

### **Prayers: Adoration, Confession, Assurance of Grace**

Psalm 95 and Gift of Faith (*Romans 5:1–5*)

Sarah Agnew

## **Entering the Story**

### **Children's song: Day by Day** (God Gives books. Author unknown)

Day by day  
I walk a little closer to my Lord  
Day by day, day by day  
pa pa pa pa pa.

*(Repeat)*

Where he leads me, where he leads me,  
I will follow, I will follow.

*(Repeat)*

Day by day  
I walk a little closer to my Lord  
Day by day, day by day  
pa pa pa pa pa.

## **Story with children – Gregor**

## **Children's chapel – Jules**

### **Bible readings**

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-17

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Gospel: John 4:5-24

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**A poem for the Gospel: 'Beside Jacob's well'**

Sarah Agnew

## **Preaching**

### **ATW 459 God. Version 1.0**

I don't believe in a God up in the sky  
who sits in heaven and never hears me cry.  
I don't believe in a God who's far away —  
I believe in Jesus living here with us today.

I don't believe in a watchmaker above,  
set this world going but now is not involved,  
who from a distance is watching as we fall —  
I believe in Jesus' God who suffers with us all.

I don't believe in a God who keeps a shop,  
who checks each item and puts a price on top,  
who wants a dividend on each investment made —  
God is always giving and refuses to be paid.

I don't believe in a tyrant on a throne  
who wants to punish us for every wrong we've done,  
who keeps a tally of each mistake and crime —  
God wants to have mercy on us each and every time.

I don't believe in a patriarchal chief,  
a judge who never had mercy on a thief,  
the Lord and Master who must be waited on —  
God is mother-sister just as much as father-son.

God is beside us, God has no other home,  
no other family, we are God's flesh and bone;  
He-She is with us and with all humankind —  
loving his creation always occupies her mind.

Robin Mann

## **Sent into the World**

**Prayers of the people:** 'Around the Well' John van de Laar

**Offering & dedication** (musical interlude)

**TiS 28 God is our strength and refuge**

**Commissioning and Blessing**

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Liturgist: Rev Dr Sarah Agnew  
Preacher: Rev Gregor Henderson

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