

Psalm 25

1st Sunday of Lent

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or
my transgressions; according to your
steadfast love remember me, for your
goodness' sake, O LORD!**

**8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he
instructs sinners in the way.**

**9 He leads the humble in what is right, and
teaches the humble his way.**

**10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast
love and faithfulness, for those who keep his
covenant and his decrees.**

Reflection Questions

What does it mean to wait for God?

Where have you seen God this week?

Psalm 25 talks about waiting on the Lord. "For you, I wait all day long." Waiting for the lord may seem like a small thing, maybe even frustrating. But the reward is great. No one likes waiting in lines, waiting for your food at a restaurant, waiting for your mom to get out of Kroger. None of these are activities we enjoy doing. Waiting requires patience. But usually the thing we are waiting for is worth it or necessary. During Lent, we are preparing for the Lord, and yes, waiting. Waiting for God can mean a lot of things. It means trusting his timing, trusting his teachings and trusting that he intends to lead us places that are good. So often we wish to cut waiting short, act on our own, not listen to God's plan and take an easier/quicker route. But God is calling us to slow down and wait for him. Wait for his blessings, wait to hear his voice and the reward is great.

Dear God,

As we enter this season of fasting and preparation as a family, draw us nearer to you. Allow us to celebrate Lent with an open heart. Help us to see one another, ourselves and you more clearly. Give us ears to hear and eyes to see. This Ash Wednesday, we come to you and we thank you for this reminder of our humanity and your abundant love.



If you are participating in the candle lighting, please light all 6 candles.

There at kits at the River City Campus you may pick up on Sunday mornings or simply take 6 candles from home and place them in the shape of a cross.