

# The Eliot Church of Newton

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## Order of Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent March 21, 2010

Welcome guest! Here is a sample of a Sunday Worship Bulletin at Eliot Church, to give you a sense of the order of service and the music of our prayer life. We hope you can join us soon in person for our 10:00 Sunday service.

Pastors Tony Kill & Karla Miller

### Thought for Reflection

Today is like every other day we wake up empty  
and frightened. Don't open the door to the study  
and begin reading. Take down a musical instrument.

Let the beauty we love be what we do.

There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground.

--Rumi

Every day is a god, each day is a god,  
and holiness holds forth in time.

I worship each god,

I praise each day splintered down,  
and wrapped in time like a husk,

a husk of many colors spreading,

at dawn fast over the mountains split.

--Annie Dillard



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<b>Prelude</b>	Alle Menschen müssen sterben, BWV 1117	J. S. Bach
<b>Introit</b>	Blessed be the Lord God Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things: And blessed be his glorious Name for ever more, The mountains shall bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.	D. Wood

## Greeting and Invocation

\* Hymn                      **For the Beauty of the Earth**

**Red Chalice 56**

**Confession of Sin**                      *Each Sunday we will extinguish one candle in our Lenten wreath, as we travel the liturgical path toward Holy Week and Easter, the commemoration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.*

R1: As we move closer to Good Friday, many of us reflect on the painful losses we may have experienced during this past year. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God will not abandon us even when we are close to despair. God will make a way for us in the wilderness. God promises us water in the desert and flowers in dry lands.

R2: In the gospel story for today, Mary pours out perfume on Jesus' feet. God's love is also poured out for use when we are tired -- when we don't know if we can take even one more step.

R1: As we watch the smoke rise from this candle, let us remember God's love that is poured out for each one of us.

*(Extinguish one purple candle and lift snuffer high, allowing the smoke to rise.)*  
Let us pray:

All: *God of water in the desert, you give us all we need to blossom with your love. Help us to be generous in pouring out our love and support on those who are experiencing pain and loss. Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

R2: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given abundant mercy, the grace to grow, and the courage to continue the journey. Thanks be to God!

## \* Acclamation

*God has eternal life implanted in the soul  
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God! All praised be the name,  
Who was and is, and ever shall be still the same.*

## The Life and Mission of the Church

### Presentation of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bibles

### The Children's Time

### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

### Sung Blessing of the Children

Black New Century 82, verse 1

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children with my blessing, you are my own.*

During the hymn, children and teachers may leave for Sunday School.

**Anthem**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

G. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died;  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen!

**The Word**

Hebrew Scriptures  
Gospel

Isaiah 43:16-21  
John 12:1-8

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\* **Hymn**

**There is a Balm in Gilead**

**Red Chalice 501**

**Sermon**

POUR

PASTOR KARLA

**Prayer For The Church And For The World**

Call To Prayer  
Silent Prayer  
Prayer Requests

Bless the Lord

Taizé

After each request, the worship leader will say "For this, let us pray"  
and all are invited to respond, "*Gracious God, receive our prayers.*"

Pastoral Prayer

**A Time For Thanksgiving**

Offering  
Offertory Music  
Doxology

Verset for the Kyrie

A. Boëly

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host!  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

Dedication of Offering

\* **Hymn**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**Red Chalice 595**

\* **Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

God Be With You

Dale Wood

God be with you till we meet again,  
God be in you, go in peace.  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,

With his sheep securely fold you:  
God be with you till we meet again,  
God be in you, go in peace.