Leader: Welcome to Evensong for Peace for the Second Week of Lent.

As we heard last week, Lent is known as the springtime of the Church – a time to open our hearts to God and focus on our growth through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We also join ourselves in prayer with the Elect – those who are preparing to enter the Church during the Easter Vigil. Today we will use the second verse of “Jerusalem My Destiny” as it follows the themes of Lent’s second Sunday.

What matters in Lent is our personal transformation. These 40 days challenge us to pay attention to our personal spiritual growth so it can lead us to extend our gifts in love to others. As followers of Jesus, we do what he showed us in working for the Common Good. He reminded us: “When you do it for the least of these, you do it for me.” Our task is to bring about peace in working for just relationships in our world.

Gong

Song: Jerusalem My Destiny
I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!
Though I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.
Let no one walk alone. The journey makes us one.

v.2 See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.


Leader: Gospel of Matthew (17:1-9, The Message)
Six days later, Jesus took Peter and the brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain.
His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes.
Sunlight poured from his face. His clothes were filled with light.
Then they realized that Moses and Elijah were also there in deep conversation with him.
Peter broke in, "Master, this is a great moment! What would you think if I built three memorials here on the mountain - one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah?"
While he was going on like this, babbling, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them,
and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice: "This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him."
When the disciples heard it, they fell flat on their faces, scared to death.
But Jesus came over and touched them. "Don't be afraid."
When they opened their eyes and looked around all they saw was Jesus, only Jesus.
Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. "Don't breathe a word of what you've seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk."

Silent Reflection (5 minutes)

Gong

Leader: Reflection

Silent Reflection (8 minutes)
Gong

**Song:** Jerusalem My Destiny

**Leader:** Please stand for the intercessions.
   *Response:* “Gracious God, hear us we pray.”

**All:** Our Father…

**Closing Prayer**

**Sign of Peace**