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Dear Friend,

We hope you enjoy this copy of Malcolm Guite's Lenten devotional, *The Word in the Wilderness*. We have assembled below a Bible verse for each day that corresponds to the daily poem from Malcolm and accompanying readings. May this Lent be a fruitful time in your spiritual life and heighten your anticipation of celebrating our risen Savior on Easter Day!

March 2nd, Ash Wednesday: "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." —*Genesis 3:19*

March 3rd, Thursday after Ash Wednesday: The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread" And Jesus answered him, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone." —*Luke 4:3-4*

March 4th, Friday after Ash Wednesday: And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" —*Luke 4:8*

March 5th, Saturday after Ash Wednesday:

Week One – Pilgrimage

March 6th, First Sunday in Lent: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." —*Matthew 13:44*

March 7th, Monday in the first week of Lent: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! —*Psalms 123:1*

March 8th, Tuesday in the first week of Lent: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." —*John 14:6*

March 9th, Wednesday in the first week of Lent: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. —*Psalms 23:4*

March 11th, Friday in the first week of Lent: A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. —*Isaiah 40:3*

March 12th, Saturday in the first week of Lent: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have broken rejoice. —*Psalms 51:8*



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Week Two - Prayer

March 13th, Second Sunday in Lent: “Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.” —*Jeremiah 29:12-13*

March 14th, Monday in the second week of Lent: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! —*Psalms 141:2*

March 15th, Tuesday in the second week of Lent: Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. —*Romans 8:26*

March 16th, Wednesday in the second week of Lent: Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. —*Colossians 4:2*

March 17th, Thursday in the second week of Lent: And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. —*Ephesians 6:18*

March 18th, Friday in the second week of Lent: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. —*Psalms 16:7*

March 19th, Saturday in the second week of Lent: Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. —*James 5:13*

Week Three – Journey

March 20th, Third Sunday of Lent: Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. —*Psalms 143:8*

March 21st, Monday in the third week of Lent: You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. —*3 John 1:6*

March 22nd, Tuesday in the third week of Lent: And the Lord said to me, “Arise, do on your journey at the head of the people, so that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them.” —*Deuteronomy 10:11*

March 23rd, Wednesday in the third week of Lent: “And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days journey into the wilderness...’” —*Exodus 3:18*



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March 24th, Thursday in the third week of Lent: The steadfast love of the love never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning: —*Lamentations 3:22-23*

March 25th, Friday in the third week of Lent: ...so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. —*1 Peter 1:7*

March 26th, Saturday in the third week of Lent: “Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.” —*Isaiah 48:10*

Week Four – Know Thyself!

March 27th, Fourth Sunday in Lent: “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings...” —*Matthew 23:37*

March 28th, Monday in the fourth week of Lent: Let the wide her and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance. —*Proverbs 1:5*

March 29th, Tuesday in the fourth week of Lent: Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. —*Genesis 3:7*

March 30th, Wednesday in the fourth week of Lent: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. —*Psalms 36:9*

March 31st, Thursday in the fourth week of Lent: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die... —*Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

April 1st, Friday in the fourth week of Lent: So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. —*Romans 10:17*

April 2nd, Saturday in the fourth week of Lent: And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment. —*Philippians 1:9*



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Week Five – The Passion

April 3rd, Fifth Sunday in Lent: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us... —*John 1:14*

April 4th, Monday in the fifth week of Lent: When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. —*John 19:30*

April 5th, Tuesday in the fifth week of Lent: And being in agony he prayed more earnestly and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground. —*Luke 22:44*

April 6th, Wednesday in the fifth week of Lent: And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” —*Mark 14:32*

April 7th, Thursday in the fifth week of Lent: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. —*Psalms 51:3-4*

April 8th, Friday in the fifth week of Lent: “For as the lightening comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” —*Matthew 24:27*

April 9th, Saturday in the fifth week of Lent: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” —*John 3:16*



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Palm Sunday and Holy Week

April 10th, Palm Sunday: Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before and that followed him were shouting “Hosanna to the Son of David!” —*Matthew 21:8-9*

April 11th, Monday in Holy Week: And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace!” —*Luke 19:41*

April 12th, Tuesday in Holy Week: And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of robbers.’” —*Luke 19:45-46*

April 13th, Wednesday in Holy Week: Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. —*John 12:3*

April 14th, Maundy Thursday: And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. —*Mark 14:45-46*

April 15th, Good Friday: Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. —*Luke 23:46*

April 15th, Holy Saturday: Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as sure as you can. So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.” —*Matthew 27:65-66*

April 16th, Easter Sunday: Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid, and I will take him away. Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” —*John 20:15-16*

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