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Call to Worship

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All descendants of Jacob, honor Him!

For He has not despised or detested the torment of the afflicted.
He hears us when we cry to Him.

The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise Him.

Posterity will serve Him;
they will declare the Lord to a new generation.

Opening Prayer

God Almighty, You told Abram to walk before You, and You gave him and Sarah new names and a promise that looked impossible. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed. Give us that faith in this second week of Lent, when our hope runs thin. Jesus told His disciples plainly that He must suffer, and Peter took Him aside to rebuke Him. We are slow to hear it too. Teach us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him, fully persuaded that You are able to do what You have promised. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Blessing

Go out as children of the promise. May the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not yet exist give you hope this week, even against all hope. Amen.

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