

Opening Prayer – Into the Wilderness

Lent 1

O God, divine presence, wild spirit,
we enter into this season of Lent
aware of just how much wilderness can change us.

Some of us enter with trepidation,
some, with a sense of familiarity,
some, with exhausted, empty spirits,
some, with foreboding and resistance,
some, with anticipation and hope
eager, in a strange way,
to be laid bare
and broken open
by the wilderness.

Lead us gently by the hand,
Into this wide open,
fierce wilderness,
that we might be able to trust
where this journey may take us
and how it may change us. Amen.

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