

Morning Prayer in Lent [2021]



Blessing

May the Christ who walked on wounded feet,
walk with us on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands,
stretch out our hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart,
open our hearts to love.

And may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

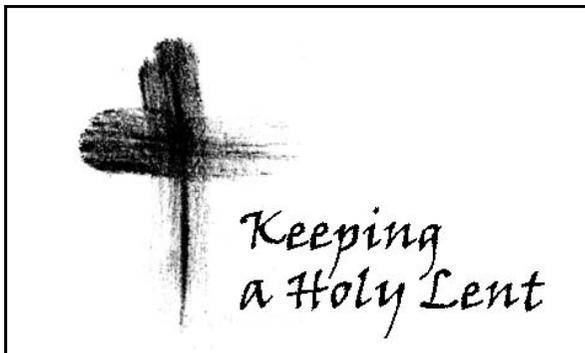
Dismissal

For thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel:
In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

[Isaiah 30: 15]

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



Call to Worship

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

All **and renew a right spirit within me.**

Give me again the joy of your salvation

All **and sustain me with your gracious Spirit.**

O Lord, open our lips

All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

[Psalm 51: 11, 13 & 16]

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

OPENING HYMN



Commandments

Hear the commandments which God has given to his people, and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Honour your father and your mother.

You shall not commit murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy upon us
and write all these your laws in our hearts.**

Prayers of Intercession

This or another response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end: Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayer of thanks for the gifts of the people

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer this day
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to ...

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end - Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

We reflect on the message as we listen to a HYMN

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

[cf Philipians 2.6-11]

Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

A broken and contrite heart God will not despise. *[Psalm 51: 18]*

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All **Father eternal,
giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Response

Christ, who was born in an outbuilding;

All **you were with us in our birth.**

Christ, who was thirty years at the carpenter's bench;

All **you are with us in our work.**

You were driven to the sands by the searching Spirit;

All **strip from us what is not of you.**

You were alone, without comfort or food;

All **help us to rely on you alone.**

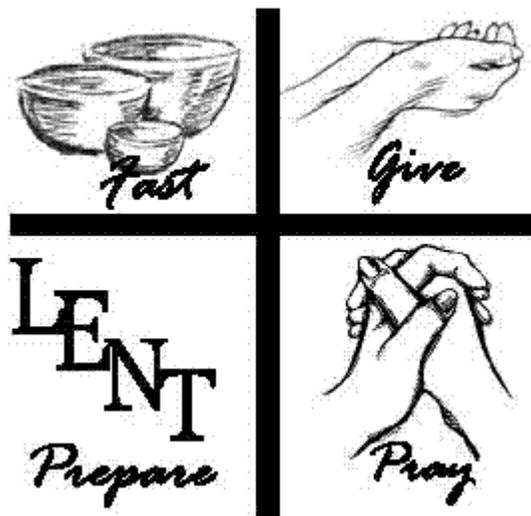
Though tested by the Evil One you clung to no falsehood;

All **break in us the hold of power and pride.**

You followed to the end the way of the cross;

All **strengthen us to remain true to you to the end.**

[from 'Liturgies from Lindisfarne' by Ray Simpson]



Canticle: A Song of Christ the Servant [from 1 Peter 2.21b–25]

Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example,
that we should follow in his steps.

All **He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips,
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.**

When he suffered, he did not threaten,
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

All **Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

By his wounds, we have been healed;
for we, like sheep, have gone astray;

All **but now we have returned
to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.**

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Collect for the Day

First Reading

At the end:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**