

2nd Sunday of Lent 2021

In Penitence and Faith

A Service of the Word in Lent

We say together the words printed in bold.

Preparation

The Greeting

The Lord our redeemer be with you

All and also with you.

Opening Prayer

God of our days and years, we set this time apart for you.

Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives may glorify you.

All Amen.

The Beatitudes

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

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for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A hymn Lift High The Cross

The Word

Reading

Mark 8.31-end

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be

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ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

After the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

This psalm is used at the end of the reading

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord.

Let your ears be open to hear my voice.

All My hope is in God's word.

If you recorded all our sins
who could come before you?

All My hope is in God's word.

There is forgiveness with you:
therefore you shall be feared.

All My hope is in God's word.

My soul is longing for the Lord,
more than those who watch for daybreak.

All My hope is in God's word.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.

All My hope is in God's word.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All My hope is in God's word.

Sermon

Confession and Forgiveness

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

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‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The Agnus Dei is said

**All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Wash away all my iniquity

All and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only have I sinned

All and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,

All and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The president declares God's forgiveness

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All Amen.

A hymn *Will You Come And Follow Me*

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom
come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

Lord, meet us in the silence:

All and hear our prayer.

The Collect

Almighty God,

by the prayer and discipline of Lent

may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,

and by following in his Way

come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Conclusion

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.

A hymn *At The Name Of Jesus, Every Knee Shall Bow*
Final Prayer

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled
your people to yourself.

As we follow his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with
willing hearts and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.