

Dawn Prayer Service

February 21, 2024



Order of Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate the joy of Easter by remembering the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. In this service our hope is to practice the habits of reflection, confession, repentance and silence as we turn from our sin, deepen our understanding of our union with Christ and remember that our life comes through His death.

Scriptural Call to Repentance – James 4:7-10

JESUS I COME

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health, Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee

Litany of Penitence

Most holy and merciful Father:

*We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord

Assurance - 1 John 4:10

We come to You and pray that, for Jesus' sake, and through the virtue of the blood once shed for many for the remission of sins, that You would give us perfect pardon of every transgression. Blot out, Lord, all our sins like a cloud, and let them never be seen again. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Songs

LAMB OF GOD

You came from heaven's throne
Acquainted with our sorrow
To trade the debt we owe
Your suffering for our freedom

Chorus

The Lamb of God in my place
Your blood poured out, my sin erased
It was my death You died
I am raised to life
Hallelujah, the Lamb of God

My name upon Your heart
My shame upon Your shoulders
The power of sin undone
The cross for my salvation

There is no greater love
There is no greater love
The Savior lifted up There is no greater love

RESTORE US AGAIN

We longed for Egypt in the wilderness
A kingdom made of dust
Built an idol out of happiness
A paradise of rust

We lost all the meaning
Drowned out the feeling
Our hearts barely beating

Restore us again God of our salvation
Revive us again in Your unfailing love
Restore us again God of our salvation
Revive us again in Your unfailing love

We have trusted in the meaningless
And chased a life of ease
Now we wander in the shadow lands
Where comfort is our king to

Holy Spirit bring us life once again
Holy Spirit lead our hearts back to You

Scripture Reading and Teaching - James 3:2-12

Prayer of Repentance

IN THE VALLEY

When the path that I feared
Is the way He has set
And I long to give in and retreat
Still to Jesus I hold
As I face every step

For the Lord He will give me His peace

Bless the Lord He will give me His peace
Bless the Lord He will give me His peace
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord He will give me His peace

When the road that I tread
Fills my heart with despair
And it seems that my grief has no end
Still to Jesus I hold
Who will walk with me there
And the Lord He will give me His strength

Bless the Lord He will give me His strength
Bless the Lord He will give me His strength
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord He will give me His strength

On the road that You walked
With the weight of the cross
All my pain and my sorrow You held
So to You I shall hold
You redeem every loss
For my Lord You have given Yourself

Bless the Lord for He gives me Himself
Bless the Lord for he gives me Himself
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord for He gives me Himself

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Benediction

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.