

Lent Prayer Service

March 6, 2024



Order of Service

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 – Joel 2:12-17

FAST FROM, FEAST ON

Fast from the swelling darkness,
Feast on the power of his light
Fast from discontentment,
Feast on the joy that he brings

Chorus

Sustainer, Protector, the Well of Life
My Helper, My comfort, the bread of life
is you, is you

Fast from the fear that haunts us,
Feast on the power of his might
Fast from the trap of judgment,
Feast on all that's been redeemed

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.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. We have not kept your name holy and treated it with reverence.

We confess to you, Lord.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. We have not sought Your kingdom or done Your will.

We confess to you, Lord.

Give us this day our daily bread. We fail to believe that we live not on bread alone but on every word that proceeds from Your mouth.

We confess to you, Lord.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. We have failed to forgive others as we have been forgiven.

We confess to you, Lord.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. We have willingly given into temptation.

We confess to you, Lord.

Scriptural Assurance – Psalm 130:7-8

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the offenses of your people? You do not stay angry forever, but delight to show your mercy. Once again you have compassion on us. You tread our sins underfoot and hurl our transgressions into the depths of the sea.

Songs

GIVE ME FAITH

I need you to soften my heart To break me apart I need you
To open my eyes, To see that You're shaping my life

All I am, I surrender
Give me faith to trust what you say
That you're good and your love is great
I'm broken inside, I give you my life

I need you to soften my heart To break me apart
I need you pierce through the dark And cleanse every part of me

I may be weak, Your Spirit's strong in me
My flesh may fail My God you never will

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford

I need Thee, Oh I need Thee, every hour I need Thee.
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee

I need Thee, Oh I need Thee, every hour I need Thee.
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee.
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain

Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 2:1-2

Prayer of Repentance

GRACE GREATER

Marvelous Grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, Brighter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive?

Grace God's grace Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace God's grace Grace that is greater than all our sin

This is why we have life This is how we're saved
By the precious blood of Jesus Christ That He chose to give away

Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14

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