

Noon Prayer Service

March 13, 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 – Isaiah 1:2-4,16-20

LEAD US BACK

Falling down upon our knees
Sharing now in common shame
We have sought security
Not the cross that bears your name
Fences guard our hearts and homes
Comfort sings a siren tune
We're a valley of dry bones
Lead us back to life in you

Lord we fall upon our knees
We have shunned the weak and poor
Worshipped beauty courted kings
And the things their gold affords
Prayed for those we'd like to know
Favor sings a siren tune
We've become a talent show
Lead us back to life in you

Lord you've caused the blind to see
We have blinded them again
With our man-made laws and creeds
Eager ready to condemn

Now we plead before your throne
Power sings a siren tune
We've been throwing heavy stones
Lead us back to life in you

We're a valley of dry bones
Lead us back to life in you
We've become a talent show
Lead us back to life in you
We've been throwing heavy stones
Lead us back to life in you

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.

Gracious Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have not considered ourselves or others blessed when facing hunger, weeping and rejection for Jesus' sake.

We confess to you, Lord

We have preferred the comfort and security of the world over the lasting treasures of your kingdom.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

We have not loved our enemies, done good to those who hate us, blessed those who curse us or prayed for those who mistreat us.

Forgive us, Lord

We have loved only those who love us in return. We have only given to others with the expectation and condition of being paid back.

We confess to you, Lord

We have not trusted your promise to provide for us and have seen generosity to others as a threat to our well being. We have let fear hinder our love for one another.

Accept our repentance, Lord

We have refused opportunities to open our hearts and homes to others. We have failed to share with those in need. We have withheld words of comfort and blessing.

Forgive us, Lord

We have not forgiven freely as you forgive us but have demanded restitution and penance from those who wrong us.

We confess to you, Lord

We have stood in unrighteous and proud judgment of others. We have been quick to point out the sin of others without repenting of our own.

Accept our repentance, Lord

We have heard your words, Jesus, and failed to put them into practice. We have disregarded and disobeyed the very voice of God.

Forgive us, Lord

Father, we grieve the sins of our city and the brokenness in our neighbors' lives.

Have mercy, O God

Father, we grieve the sins of our nation and repent of selfishness and greed.

Have mercy, O God

Father, we grieve the sins of the world and pray for those who are persecuted and oppressed.

Have mercy, O God

Assurance - Ezekiel 36:26

All these sins we mourn, lament and for them cry pardon.
Work in us more profound and abiding repentance;
Give us the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears,
Yet ever trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident;
Grant that through the tears of repentance
We may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.

Songs

HERE FOR YOU

Let our praise be Your welcome, Let our songs be a sign
We are here for You, We are here for You
Let Your breathe come from heaven, Fill our hearts with Your life
We are here for You, We are here for You

To You our hearts are open, nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire
You alone are holy, only You are worthy
God, let Your fire fall down

Let our shout be Your anthem, Your renown fill the skies
We are here for You, We are here for You
Let Your word move in power, Let what's dead come to life
We are here for You, We are here for You
We welcome You with praise, we welcome You with praise

Almighty God of love, be welcome in this place
Let every heart adore, let every soul awake
Almighty God of love, be welcome in this place

ABIDE

For my waking breath, For my daily bread, I depend on You, I depend on You
For the sun to rise, For my sleep at night, I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life, You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine, Draw me close and teach me to abide

Where the Spirit leads, As I'm following, I depend on You, I depend on You
For the victories, Still in front of me, I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life, You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine, Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength my song in the night, Be my all my Treasure my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine, Draw me close and teach me to abide

When I pass through death, As I enter rest, I depend on You, I depend on You
For eternal life, To be raised with Christ, I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life, You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine, Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength my song in the night, Be my all my Treasure my prize,
I am Yours for-ever You're mine, Draw me close and teach me to abide

Scripture Reading - Ephesians 4:20-32

Prayer of Repentance

JESUS PAID IT ALL

Jesus paid it all All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

I hear the Savior say, 'Thy strength indeed is small'
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone.

Benediction - 2 Peter 1:2-3

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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