

Lent Prayer Service

March 20, 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 – Psalm 38:15-22

DEAR REFUGE OF OUR WEARY SOUL

Dear refuge of my weary soul, On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, My fainting hope relies

To Thee I tell each rising grief, For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail, And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace, Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace, Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access, To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet

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.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us

We confess to you, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us

Accept our repentance, 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.

We do not always trust you.
We are afraid that if we follow your ways we will miss something.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Assurance - Matthew 11:28-30

Who is in a position to condemn?

*Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.*

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Songs

COME TO ME

Weary burdened wand'rer there is rest for thee
At the feet of Jesus in His love, so free

Listen to His message words of life, forever blest
Oh thou heavy laden come to Me, come and rest

There is freedom, taste and see Hear the call, "come to Me"

GOD I LOOK TO YOU

God I look to You, I won't be overwhelmed
Give me vision to see things like You do
God I look to You, You're where my help comes from
Give me wisdom; You know just what to do

I will love You, Lord my strength
I will love You, Lord my shield
I will love You, Lord my rock
Forever, all my days, I will love You God

Hallelujah, our God reigns
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Forever, all my days, hallelujah

Scripture Reading - Ephesians 5:1-4

Prayer of Repentance

BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only one who could save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you Oh we live for you

Chorus

Holy there is no one like you
There is none beside you
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who you are
And fill me with your heart
And lead me in love to those around me

And I will build my life upon your love it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken

Benediction - Jude 24-25

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