

Lent Prayer Service

April 2, 2025



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

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 breath 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

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

HAVE MERCY ON US LORD

Have mercy on me
God of covenantal love
In Your presence
Would You show me my offenses

I lay my life before You
You open wide the door
To the freedom through forgiveness
My heart longs for

Have mercy, mercy
Mercy on me Lord

Why would I ever hide
All my weaknesses You know
And You call me to confess
And let Your light show

Have mercy, mercy
Mercy on me Lord

Come wash me from my sin
Make my spirit new again
And restore me
To the joy of my salvation

Have mercy, mercy
Mercy on me Lord

Oh heart rejoice, Oh spirit sing
Of His righteousness, His righteousness

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

Scripture Reading - Psalm 121:1-2

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

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete
"Jesus died, my soul to save"
My lips shall still repeat

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