

# Lent Prayer Service

April 9, 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 – Psalm 38:15-22

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#### YOU HOLD IT ALL

God, we bring you the work of our hands now  
Lay it down, lay it at Your feet  
What we've done, where we've been, what we've broken  
Lay it down, lay it at Your feet

You hold it all  
Jesus You hold it all

Worried hearts, wearied hands, weakened body  
Lay them down, lay it at Your feet  
What we used, what we lost, what we wasted  
Lay it down, lay it at Your feet

You hold it all Jesus, You hold it all  
You hold it all, Jesus, You hold it all

All our plans, all our dreams, our ambition  
Lay them down, lay them at Your feet  
Even if nothing comes to fruition  
Lay them down, lay it at Your feet  
Lay it down, lay it at Your 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 of Pardon - John 8:12

*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

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### 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

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## 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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Bless the Lord for He gives me Himself  
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## Scripture Reading and Teaching - Hebrews 12:1-3

### Prayer of Repentance

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#### 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

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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#### DOXOLOGY