

## Morning Prayer

### (Third Sunday in Lent - Year B)



The Liturgy Letter

O God make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

### Opening Scripture

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -1 John 1:8-9

### Hymn - [Lord Have Mercy \(Only Say the Word\)](#) | [Leadsheet](#)

Ever begotten and only Son,  
Light in our darkness in prayer we come.  
Teach us dear Shepherd our lives to dwell,  
Deep in these shadows, we pass through hell.

*Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy.  
Only say the word,  
And we shall be healed.*

Blessed and hidden in love's delight,  
Your Holy Spirit will voice our cry.  
Life in the Father exalted the Son,  
Sending Your Spirit, Your kingdom begun.

Words and Music: Philip Majorins, 2011.

### Confession (from Psalm 51)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor (Kneel or stand during Lent).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right

when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

*Silence*

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice O Lord, according to your faithful love:

He has heard our voice and is faithful and just to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Amen.

## Psalm of the Week

### Psalm 19 (NIV)

*For the director of music. A psalm of David.*

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

2 Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.

3 They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.

4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6 It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right,  
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;  
may they not rule over me.  
Then I will be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

## Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

## Scripture Readings

[Exodus 20:1-17](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)

*(Stand)*

[John 2:13-22](#)

(A short silence is kept after the reading of the gospel)

## Profession of Faith (from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 32, 34, 43)

I am called a Christian  
because by faith I am a member of Christ  
and so I share in his anointing.

By Christ's power  
our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him,  
so that the evil desires of the flesh  
may no longer rule us,  
but that instead we may offer ourselves  
as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.  
to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil  
in this life,  
and afterward to reign with Christ  
over all creation  
for all eternity.

We call him "our Lord"  
because—  
not with gold or silver,  
but with his precious blood—  
he has set us free  
from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,  
and has bought us,  
body and soul,  
to be his very own.

## The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Intercessions (A time of spontaneous prayers and intercessions. Say "out loud" the names and situations that you would like to bring before God.)*

- We pray for the people of...(countries or regions)
- We pray for our sisters and brothers... (churches and other believers)
- We pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors...
- We pray for the day and its tasks, individuals in need, the world and its needs, and for the Church and her life...

To God be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we are bold to pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

*\*If praying with others, stand and hold hands. If praying individually, stand with hands open and outstretched in the [sign of the Orans](#).*

## Collect for Lent

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, that we who confess Jesus as Lord May put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. Amen.

## Benediction

God our Redeemer has show us compassion and love.  
Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn - Doxology (Old 100th)