

Morning Prayer

(Fourth Sunday in Lent - Year B)



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

Opening Scripture

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. -Joel 2:13

Hymn - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | [Leadsheet](#)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

Were the whole realm of creation mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all
Text: Isaac Watts, 1707 / Tune: Lowell Mason, 1824

Confession (from *The Book of Common Worship*)

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

Everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
You have made us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless
until they rest in you.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder
us from knowing your will,
no weakness keep us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light clearly,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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 107:1-3, 17-22 (NIV)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
3 those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south

17 Some became fools through their rebellious ways
and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

18 They loathed all food
and drew near the gates of death.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.

20 He sent out his word and healed them;
he rescued them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.
22 Let them sacrifice thank offerings
and tell of his works with songs of joy.

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

[Numbers 21:4-9](#)

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

(Stand)

[John 3:14-21](#)

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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

God of all creation, full of love and abounding in mercy;

May the whole earth be filled with your glory.

Lord, bless and guide all ministers of your church;

Clothe them in righteousness and grant them wisdom.

Direct the leaders of our government;

That they may act in accordance with your kingdom.

Enlarge our own hearts, O Lord,

To love the things that you love

May we proclaim your light

In every place where there is darkness.

May we proclaim your Holy Name

In every aspect of our lives.

We pray for those in sickness, grief, persecution,

bondage, fear, or loneliness, and for all of our own needs;

Lord, have mercy.

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

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Grant us your peace;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

Let us go in peace to serve the Lord and follow his son Jesus. Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Trisagion Doxology

Glory to the Father

Son and Holy Spirit

Now and forever

And to the ages

Amen.