

Morning Prayer Form



The Liturgy Letter

Fifth Sunday in Lent - Year A

Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

By *Isaac Watts, 1707*

Confession

**During the season of Lent it is appropriate to kneel or stand during confession.*

Let us confess our sins to God.

Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence

and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- from Psalm 51

Silence

Blessed be the Lord who has heard the voice of our prayer. In Christ we are forgiven.
Amen.

Psalm 130 (NIV)

A song of ascents.

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
- 2 Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.
- 3 If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
- 6 I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- 7 Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
- 8 He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

(stand)

John 11:1-45

(a short silence is kept after the reading of the Gospel)

Profession of Faith (from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

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.

Sisters and brothers, during this Lenten season we are called to pursue compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world.

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 the Fifth Sunday in Lent (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

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.