

Daily Prayer Form



Fourth Sunday in Lent - Year A

The Liturgy Letter

O God make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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 (We Shall Be Healed) | 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 by Philip Majorins

Confession

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

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.
-from *The Book of Common Worship*

Silence

May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 23 (NIV)

A psalm of David.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
 he leads me beside quiet waters,
 3 he refreshes my soul.
 He guides me along the right paths
 for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk
 through the darkest valley,
 I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies.
 You anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
 forever.

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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

(stand)

John 9:1-41

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

Confession of Faith: 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

From *The Worship Sourcebook (Second Edition)*

Let us pray for the church and for the world:

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for your church around the world, especially those who suffer because of your name in places of conflict. We join in their suffering and pray for those who persecute them.

Silence and free intercessions

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for those who lead in serve us in our own community, for our civil and spiritual leaders.

Silence and free intersessions

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for those in our own congregation who are directly involved in this task and reflect your image by seeking to cultivate the beauty of your Creation.

Silence and free intersessions

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us.

Silence and free intersessions

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence and free intersessions

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In whose name we are bold to stand and 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

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.