



Morning Worship

Lent

The season of Lent

We recall Jesus's temptations in the wilderness, his trial and crucifixion. The season's colour is "dull" purple" which reminds us of the sackcloth and ashes of penitence.

The forty day season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and prepares the Church for the celebration of the death and resurrection of the Lord. It is about preparing for Easter.

The season originated as a time of preparation for those who would be baptised at Easter. It gradually developed as a period of discipline and self-denial for all Christian people. The season continually looks forward and builds towards Holy Week and the Passion of Christ.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the colour changes from purple to red, the colour of blood and of kingship. On Good Friday and Easter Eve it is customary to have the altar bare, until it is dressed once more for the feast of Easter.

The Gathering

Welcome & Notices

Hymn

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Prayers of Penitence

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people, and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol, God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.
You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

Amen, Lord, have mercy.

Honour your father and mother. Live as servants of God; let us work for the good of all, Especially members of the household of faith.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit murder. Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with good.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery. Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not steal. Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness. Let everyone speak the truth.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour, Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence
and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen**

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.

The Collect

*The minister introduces a period of silent prayer
The Collect is said, and all respond*
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Lord through your love,
Transform our lives.

At the end

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

The Dismissal

Hymn

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
**In the name of Christ.
Amen.**