



Welcome to a Service of the Word in Lent

*(Not used on Mothering Sunday or Palm
Sunday)*

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you,
and also with you.

Hymn

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.**

Invitation to confession

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.

Confession

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

cf Psalm 51

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

Absolution

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.

Readings

| | Old Testament | New Testament |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday 9th March | <u>Deuteronomy 26.1–11</u> | <u>Romans 10.8b –13</u> |
| Sunday 16th March | <u>Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18</u> | <u>Philippians 3.17—4.1</u> |
| Sunday 23rd March | <u>Isaiah 55.1–9</u> | <u>1 Corinthians 10.1–13</u> |
| Sunday 6th April | <u>Isaiah 43.16–21</u> | <u>Philippians 3.4b –14</u> |

At the end:
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn

Gospel Reading

At the start:

Sunday 9th March [Luke 4.1–13](#)

Sunday 16th March [Luke 13.31–end](#)

Sunday 23rd March [Luke 13.1–9](#)

Sunday 6th April [John 12.1–8](#)

At the end:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Hymn

Profession of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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 Collect

The Collect is said, and the people respond:
Amen.

(Hymn)

Notices

The Blessing

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.

Hymn

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Exit Music

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