



A Liturgy of the Word Second Sunday in Lent

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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Processional Hymn



1. God is Love, let heav'n adore him;
 God is Love, let earth rejoice;
 Let creation sing before him
 And exalt him with one voice.
 God who laid the earth's foundation,
 God who spread the heav'ns above,
 God who breathes through all creation:
 God is Love, eternal Love.

2. God is Love; and love enfolds us,
 All the world in one embrace:
 With unfailing grasp God hold us,
 Ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
 And when human hearts are breaking
 Under sorrow's iron rod,
 Then we find that selfsame aching
 Deep within the heart of God.

3. God is Love; and though with blindness
 Sin afflicts all human life,
 God's eternal loving kindness
 Guides us through our earthly strife.
 Sin and death and hell shall never
 O'er us final triumph gain;
 God is Love, so Love for ever
 O'er the universe must reign.

Author: Timothy Rees (1922)



Call to Worship



The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Introductory Rite



Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

The Kyrie



Kyrie eleison x2
Christe eleison x2
Kyrie eleison x2

The Penitence



*Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.*

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution



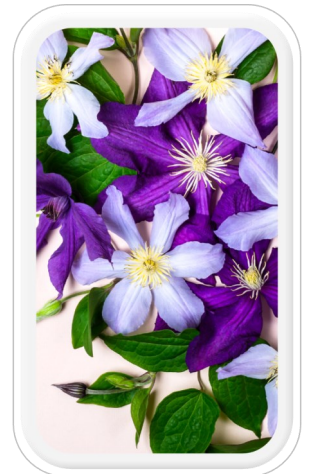
Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord is our light and our life.
O come, let us worship.

The Collect



**God of the covenant
you promised mercy and hope for all:
gather us to yourself in tenderness,
so that, assured of your faithfulness,
we may live to your praise and glory;
through our Lord Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**





The Word of God



Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Acclamation



Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory x2
If today you'd hear His voice
Harden not your heart
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory

Gospel Reading



Luke 13:31-35

The Sermon



Revd Sharmain James

Affirmation of Faith

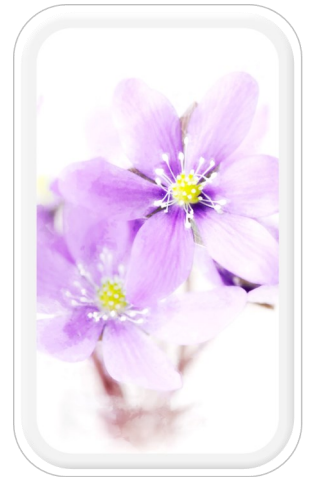


Let us confess our faith as we say,
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**





Prayers of Intercession

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Brief Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Steve our bishop, Thabo our metropolitan and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

For our Parish Community, our clergy and Parish leadership

Brief Silence

We will exalt you, O God our king;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Gracious God,

you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;

you know our needs before we ask,

and our ignorance in asking.

Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

God of love, we offer our gifts today in hopeful gratitude.

Bless these gifts and use them to increase the goodness enjoyed
by those in need. Bless our lives that, through our relationships,
others will be touched by the hope we know in Christ Jesus
and find their lives blessed by his love and mercy. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the Kingdom

And all the power and the glory, forever. **Amen**





Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

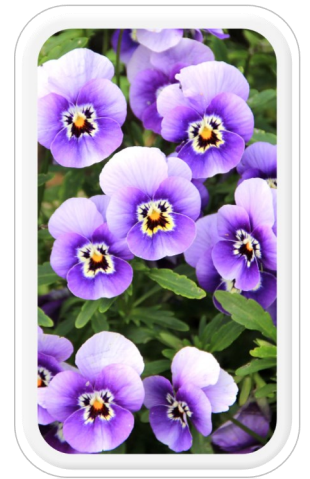
The Lord be with you
And also with you

Wherever you may find yourselves in this coming week may you walk the Way of Christ, sharing the Messiah's good news.

In whatever way you choose to give witness to Christ's suffering, during this Lenten season, may you be prepared to take up your cross, and to be Christ's witness.

May you be known and identified as Christ's followers in the way you serve, and in the way you love.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.**



A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home!

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