



# A Liturgy of the Word Third Sunday in Lent

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

## Processional Hymn



1 Be thou my guardian and my guide,  
and hear me when I call;  
let not my slippery footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.

2 The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quickener of the dead.

3 And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.

4 Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.

Author: Isaac Williams, published in 1842

## 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.**

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

*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.**

## Introductory Rite



**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**





**For the Lord is a great God \*  
and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his for he made it, \*  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the  
sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

### *The Kyrie*



*sung by Ven Moses Thabethe*

**Nkosi sihawukele x3  
Kriste sihawukele x3  
Nkosi sihawukele x3**

### *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 Collect*



**God of infinite goodness,  
Throughout the ages you have persevered  
In claiming and reclaiming your people:  
Renew for us once more the offer of salvation  
that we will bear the fruits of repentance;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Word of God*



Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Gospel Acclamation*



*sung by Ven Moses Thabethe*

Glory to you, Word of God  
Lord Jesus Christ x4

I am the Light of the world, says the Lord  
Whoever follows me will have the light of life

Glory to you, Word of God  
Lord Jesus Christ x2

*Gospel Reading*



Luke 13:1-9

*The Sermon*



**Sermon:** Fr Matthew Wright

*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

God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love and mercy, we bring before you our prayers:

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [especially those members of our parish community needing your healing], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all who have died [especially....], that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

God of love: **Hear our prayer**

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

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



Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:*

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



Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise  
for all you have done for us.  
We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,  
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,  
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,  
and for the loving care  
which surrounds us on every side.  
We thank you for setting us tasks  
which demand our best efforts,  
and for leading us to accomplishments  
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures  
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.  
Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;  
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;  
for his steadfast obedience,  
by which he overcame temptation;  
for his dying, through which he overcame death;  
for his rising to life again,  
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may know Christ and make him known;  
and through him, at all times and in all places,  
may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

## Concluding Prayer



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**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith;  
May you be rooted and grounded in love;  
May you grasp the full breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ;  
May you know that love, that surpasses knowledge  
May you be filled with all the fulness of God  
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 forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Recessional Hymn* 

**1 And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?**

**Refrain:  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!**

**2 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]**

**Refrain:  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!**

**3 He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]**







**Refrain:**

**Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!**

**4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]**

**Refrain:**

**Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!**

**5 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. [Refrain]**

*Author: Charles Wesley and published in 1738.*



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