

Morning Prayer – Lent 1
Book of Alternative Services
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Order of Service

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51.18*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. *Isaiah 55.6, 7*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8, 9*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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.**

Cast your burden upon the Lord,
And he will sustain you.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again
And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Blessed be the Lord day by day,
The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

HYMN The Glory of These Forty Days 170 vs. 1, 4, 5

THE INVITATORY

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
O come, let us worship.

VENITE

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 Lord is our refuge and strength:
O come, let us worship.

PSALM 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous
be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my
salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from
everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your
goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in
his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the
lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who
keep his covenant and his testimonies.

God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

CANTICLE (Seek the Lord)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near.

**Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
and return not again, but water the earth,**

Bringing forth life and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me empty;**

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

(Silence)

GOSPEL MARK 1:9-15

REFLECTION/HOMILY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Hear, O Israel,
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

HYMN *Sing of God Made Manifest* 162 vs. 2 & 4

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE COLLECT

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

THE GRACE

HYMN *The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy* 631 vs. 1, 3, 4

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