

**Morning Prayer – Lent V**  
**Book of Alternative Services**  
**March 21**  
**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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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 Royal Banners Forward Go* 186 Vs. 1 & 3**

### **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 full of compassion and mercy:  
**O come, let us worship.**

### **PSALM 51:1-13**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;  
**in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,  
**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you only have I sinned  
**and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak  
**and upright in your judgement.**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
**a sinner from my mother's womb.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**

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.**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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. PSALM 51:1-13**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

**CANTICLE: SEEK THE LORD**

*Isaiah 55.6-11*

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)*

**HYMN *O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ* 14 vs. 1 & 3**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33**

**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 *Take Up Your Cross, The Saviour Said* 431 vs. 1 & 5**

**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 *Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle* 185 vs. 1 & 3**

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