

Thursday Morning Prayer

(Bell x3)

Opening Sentences

During Lent, we accept God's call to begin a Lenten pilgrimage. We entrust ourselves to the One who calls us and whose Spirit guides us on our road.

Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Be near us, O God, as we journey together. Be present in the challenges of our everyday existence. Be our guide for all that we may face. We invite your blessed assistance in this time of Lenten introspection. Be the source of hope and meaning for our lives. For we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have called us to be pilgrims.

Forgive us when we weary of the journey and seek security rather than the open road. Forgive us when we feel the risk of travelling with you is too great. Help us to turn to you in repentance and prayer that we may do your will and walk in your way. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 32:5

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess

my transgressions to the Lord."

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm (chanted)

Acclamation (spoken or sung)

“Let us proclaim the Gospel with our words and with our lives.”

Gospel Reading

Acclamation (spoken or sung)

“Let us proclaim the Gospel with our words and with our lives.”

Meditation

Silence

Bell x1

Reflections

Prayers

Holy God, throughout this Lenten season help us to draw near to you in praise, stripping away all that distracts us from worship.

As Jesus resisted temptation in the wilderness, help us O God to reflect on his faithfulness, his rejection of worldly values and hold these thoughts in our hearts throughout Lent and beyond.

Jesus, you prayed and fasted. Teach us we pray about spiritual discipline in our relationship with you. Help us to view Lent as a time of inward searching that we may look with compassion at the needs of the world.

Merciful God, grant us simplicity of faith and a generosity of service that gives without counting cost. Grant us a life overflowing with Grace poured out from the One who gave everything, that we may show the power of love to a broken world. O God, grant us simplicity of faith, and a yearning to share it with others.

Amen.

Community Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth:

In the power of the Holy Spirit let us go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling

as the people of God, the body of Christ.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Blessing

May the blessing of God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit our comforter and guide be with us this day and every day.

Amen.

Bell x 3