

A Lenten Service
The Way of Love



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The Word of God

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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. *Amen.*

Confession

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 neighbors 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. *Amen.*

The priest and people pray together:

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of this world
and of our own lives
rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.

In your name we pray. Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,

I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

March 18 – Worship

Reading

Luke 17:11-19

“The Man Who Said ‘Thank You’”

March 25 – Bless

Reading

Matthew 14:4-21, Mark 6:34-44,

Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-11

“The Boy Who Shared His Lunch”

April 1 – Go

Reading

Luke 10:30-37

“The Man Who Helped”

The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

 where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, union;

 where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

 where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek

 to be consoled as to console;

 to be understood as to understand;

 to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest bids the Lord's Prayer with these or similar words:

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and people together

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Priest and People pray:

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that holy things have taken;
may the ears which have heard your word
 be deaf to clamor and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
 be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
 shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
 be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. Amen.

The Priest pronounces this blessing

Christ be in our eyes and in our looking,
Christ be in our ears and in our listening,
Christ be in our hands and in our doing,
Christ be in our minds and in our understanding,
Christ be in hearts and in our loving. *Amen.*

The Priest dismisses the people.

People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.