



**EVENING  
PRAYER  
IN  
LENT**

## Opening Sentences

*Please stand*

**Officiant:** O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

**People:** Hear my voice when I cry to you.

**Officiant:** Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense.

**People:** The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Invitatory

*Said by all*

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the father's glory shone. Immortal, holy, blessed is he and blessed are you his holy Son. Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds. O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the father's glory shone. Immortal, holy, blessed is he and blessed are you his holy Son. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Psalm

*Please be seated*

*For those praying at home, the Psalms and Readings for each day can be found on the back page of this bulletin.*

*The Psalm is said alternately.*

*The Officiant says the first verse, the people, the next, and so on.*

## The Gospel

*The Gospel can be found on the back page of this bulletin.*

*The Reader concludes: "The word of the Lord," all respond: "Thanks be to God."*

## Canticles

*Please stand*

*The Officiant leads the people in reading the canticle for the appropriate day.*

Sunday: Canticle #17: The Beatitudes

*Said by all*

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be shown to them. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.**

*Matthew 5.3-12*

Monday: Canticle #19: The Song of Zechariah

*Said by all*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Luke 1.69-79*

Tuesday: Canticle #20: The Song of Simeon

*Said by all*

**Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Luke 2.29-32*

Wednesday: Canticle #23: Song of The First Born

*Said by all*

**Christ is the image of the unseen God, the first-born of all creation, for in him were all things made, in heaven and on earth. Through him and for him were all things made, before all he exists, holds all things in one. The Church is his body, and he is its head. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; in all things he alone is supreme. God made all his fullness to dwell in him, to reconcile through him all creation to himself, everything on earth and everything in heaven, all gathered into peace by his death on the cross.**

*Colossians 1.15-20*

Thursday: Canticle #6: Seek the Lord

*Said by all*

**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.**

*Isaiah 55.6-11*

Friday: Canticle #22: Jesus Christ is Lord

*Said by all*

**Christ Jesus, by nature divine, did not grasp for himself a rank as equal with God. He chose to empty himself, becoming a humble slave, and living the life of a man. And human in every way, he abased himself still more, obedient to death on a cross. So God has exalted him on high, and given to him the name, the greatest of all the names; so that at Jesus' name every knee should bend low in heaven, on earth, in the depths, and every tongue proclaim: Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!**

*Philippians 2.6-11*

Saturday: Canticle #10: The Souls of the Righteous

*Said by all*

**The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise they seemed to be dead, their departure was taken for defeat, their going from us to be disaster; but they are in peace. Though they appeared to be punished their hope is rich in immortality. Small their affliction, great their blessing; God proved and found them worthy of himself. Like gold in a furnace he tried them, and accepted them as an oblation. In the moment of God's coming they shall kindle into flame and run like sparks through the stubble. They shall govern nations and peoples, and the Lord shall be their ruler for ever.**

*Wisdom 3.1-8*

Silence

*A time of silence is observed to ponder the readings and psalms.*

*All stand and say*

**All: 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 the People

*Please kneel or be seated*

*Leader:* In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
“We pray to you, Lord.”

*Leader:* That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*All:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That the work we have done this day and the people we  
have met may bring us closer to you,  
*All:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That we may be forgiven our sins and offences,  
*All:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and  
justice,  
*All:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That you will sustain the faith and hope of the weary, the  
lonely, and the oppressed,  
*All:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our  
hearts with longing for your kingdom,  
*All:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*All are invited to voice prayers and petitions for those whose cares weigh on their hearts.  
The Prayers conclude with one or more of the following collects and the Lord's Prayer.*

*Leader:* O Lord,  
*All:* **Be our light in the darkness and in your great mercy  
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for  
the love of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*Leader:* Be present, O merciful God,  
*All:* **and protect us through the hours of this night, so that  
we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this  
life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Leader:* Most holy God,  
*All:* the source of all good desires, all right judgements,  
and all just works, give to us your servants that peace  
which the world cannot give, so that our minds may  
be fixed on doing your will, and that, freed from fear  
of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and  
quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Leader:* Almighty God,  
*All:* 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. Fulfil 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.

*Officiant:* As our Saviour Christ taught us, let us pray,  
*All:* 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, the  
power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant:* The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night  
and peace at the last.

*People:* Amen.

Dismissal

*Officiant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Psalms & Gospel for Lent**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mar. 7	Ps 37.19-42	Jn 1.29-34
Mar. 8	Ps 35	Jn 1.35-42
Mar. 9	Ps 42, 43	Jn 1.43-51
Mar. 10	Ps 103	Mk 2.18-22
Mar. 11	Ps 44	Jn 2.1-12
Mar. 12	Ps 47, 48	Jn 2.13-22
Mar. 13	Ps 49	Jn 2.23-3.15
Mar. 14	Ps 59, 60	Jn 3.16-21
Mar. 15	Ps 51	Jn 3.22-26
Mar. 16	Ps 138, 139	Jn 4.1-26
Mar. 17	Ps 8, 84	Mk 3.31-4.9
Mar. 18	Ps 64, 65	Jn 4.27-42
Mar. 19	Ps 68	Jn 4.43-54
Mar. 20	Ps 119.73-96	Jn 5.1-18
Mar. 21	Ps 74	Jn 5.19-29
Mar. 22	Ps 73	Jn 5.30-47
Mar. 23	Ps 23, 27	Jn 7.1-13
Mar. 24	Ps 34	Mk 5.1-20
Mar. 25	Ps 77	Jn 7.14-36
Mar. 26	Ps 78.40-72	Jn 7.37-52
Mar. 27	Ps 81, 82	Jn 8.12-20
Mar. 28	Ps 85, 86	Jn 8.21-32
Mar. 29	Ps 91, 92	Jn 8.33-47
Mar. 30	Ps 136	Jn 8.47-59
Mar. 31	Ps 19, 46	Mk 8.11-21
Apr. 1	Ps 89.19-52	Jn 6.1-15
Apr. 2	Ps 94	Jn 6.16-27
Apr. 3	Ps 119.121-144	Jn 6.27-40
Apr. 4	Ps 73	Jn 6.41-51
Apr. 5	Ps 107.1-32	Jn 6.52-59
Apr. 6	Ps 33	Jn 6.60-71
Apr. 7	Ps 145	Mk 8.31-9.1
Apr. 8	Ps 35	Jn 9.1-17
Apr. 9	Ps 124, 125, 126	Jn 9.18-41
Apr. 10	Ps 128, 129, 130	Jn 10.1-18
Apr. 11	Ps 140, 142	Jn 10.19-42
Apr. 12	Ps 141, 143	Jn 11.1-27
Apr. 13	Ps 42, 43	Jn 11.28-44