

## A Service of the Word

for use during Lent

*Please join in with the words in **bold**.*

◆ *Invites a pause between lines.*

### LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*A hymn may be sung*

### CONCLUSION

This is love, not that we loved God,  
but that he loved us and sent his Son.  
He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
that we might live through him.  
If God loves us so much  
we ought to love one another.  
If we love one another  
God lives in us.

Christ give us grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him;  
and may the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

\* The weekly Homilies Project sheet can be downloaded  
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### PREPARATION

Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal:  
have mercy on us.  
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**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal:**  
**have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

Eternal God, source of all blessing,  
help us to worship you  
with all our heart and mind and strength;  
for you alone are God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A hymn may be sung*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*A short period of silence for reflection*

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Gospel printed on the Homilies Project sheet\* and at least one of the other readings referenced there is read. At the end of each reading the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*A Song of Christ the Servant is said:*

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, ♦  
that you should follow in his steps.  
**He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, ♦  
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.**

When he suffered, he did not threaten, ♦  
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.  
**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, ♦  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

By his wounds, you have been healed,  
for you were straying like sheep, ♦  
but have now returned  
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*1 Peter 2.21b-25*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**HOMILY** (*see the Homilies Project sheet\**)

*We affirm our faith*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## PRAYERS

*The intercessions below may be used with or without appropriate insertions*

In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.

For your holy people,  
that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace,  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

For candidates for baptism and confirmation,  
that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth,  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

For the leaders of the nations,  
that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth,  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

For the needy,  
that they may not be forgotten,  
nor the hope of the poor be taken away,  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

For the sick in body, mind and spirit,  
that they may know your power to heal,  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

For the poor in spirit,  
that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven  
and see you face to face,  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

**COLLECT** (*see the Homilies Project sheet*)