

# **An Order for MORNING PRAYER in Lent**

## Hymn

### The Introduction

O Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

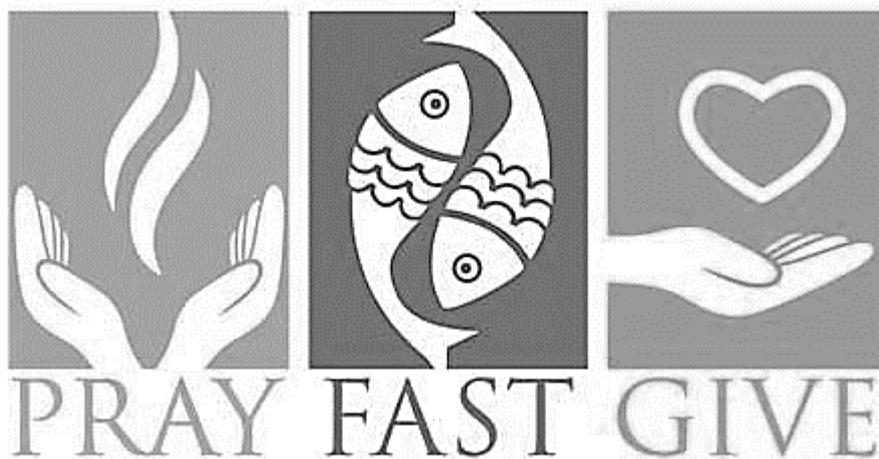
Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,  
**according to your judgement give us life.**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,  
your light breaks forth like the dawn  
and your healing springs up for deliverance.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,  
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit  
and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**



## **The Act of Penitence**

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

*Either*

Early in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You speak in my heart and say 'Seek my face'; your face, Lord, will I seek.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **The Collect**

*[The collect and readings for the day can be found on the weekly sheet]*

Let us pray...

*The Collect of the Day*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*The First Reading*

*The Psalm*

*The Second Reading*

*The Gospel*

*Or*

**Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart; and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.**

**We are truly sorry. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to amend our lives; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ***The Homily***

**The Creed** [*The Apostles' or Baptismal Creed may be used.*]

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
and he will come 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.**

Do you believe in God the Father, the  
Creator of all?

**I believe and trust in God the  
Father.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son  
Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world?

**I believe and trust in God the  
Son.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy  
Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life?

**I believe and trust in his Holy  
Spirit, who gives life to the people  
of God.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

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## ***The Prayers of the Church***

*After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

*Concluding with:*

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## ***The Peace***

Now that we have been justified through faith,  
we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Or*

Jesus says, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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### ***The Blessing and Dismissal***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves,  
take up your cross and follow him...

*Or*

The God of mercy transform you by his grace  
and give you strength to overcome temptation...

...and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**



The clergy team continue to meet for morning prayer each day.  
Please send any prayer requests, for yourself, family, friends etc to one of the  
clergy team.

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