

# LENTEN LITURGY

**Processional Hymn**     see insert for hymn #, verses 1-3

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Celebrant:*     Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

*Congregation:*     **Lent calls us to journey:  
to the place where God covenants with us,  
to receive the new names, we are given.**

*Worship Leader:*     Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

*Congregation:*     **Lent calls us to practice justice,  
to bring God's hope to all people.**

*Celebrant:*     Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

*Congregation:*     **Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,  
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

*Acolyte:*     Lent calls us to journey with God.

*Congregation:*     **Let us worship God, who walks with us,  
this and every day.**

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (FORM 1)

*Worship Leader:*     Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor:

*Congregation:*     **God, you are good and upright, and you instruct sinners in your ways,  
Show us how to break down the barriers separating us from each other,  
Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.**

**Forgive us for the times we have abandoned the poor, the disabled,  
and the homeless,**

**Teach us to live by the law of love in unity, peace, and harmony.**

**Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.**

**Forgive us for the ways we exclude people of different race,  
culture, or gender,**

**Guide us that we may come to mutual understanding and care.**

**Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.**

Draw us into your community to embrace those with whom we need  
to be reconciled,  
Grant that all who seek to heal divisions between peoples may have hope.  
Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.

Show us your ways, O Lord,  
Teach us your paths and guide us towards your truth.  
Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.

*Pause to offer your own prayers of repentance and forgiveness*

*Celebrant:* May the God of creation breathe on you,  
May the God of all life sustain you,  
May the God of all grant you forgiveness.  
Go into the day knowing your life has been touched by the triune God  
You are cleansed by the mercy of God  
You are surrounded by the love of Christ  
You are filled with the power of the Spirit  
**Amen**

From the website of Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba. <http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (FORM 2)**

*Worship Leader:* In the spirit of Lent, let's ask for forgiveness praying together:

**Psalm 51**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.  
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.  
For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.  
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

*A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone into Bathsheba.*

## **ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant:* 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

*Celebrant:* The Love of Christ is always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day** *(see insert)*

## THE LESSONS

### The First Reading *(see insert)*

Reader: A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After each Reading, the Reader says:*

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leader: The psalm for the day is in your bulletin insert.

*Psalm of the day is read by the worship leader and congregation*

### The Second Reading *(see insert)*

Reader: A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After each Reading, the Reader says:*

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn: see insert for hymn #, verse 1, 2**

*Please remain standing*

### The Holy Gospel *(see insert)*

People: The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Praise and Glory to God.**

*After the Gospel, silence may be kept.*

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Christ.

People: **Praise to Christ the Word.**

### **Gradual Hymn: see insert for hymn #, verse 3**

## THE SERMON

## THE CREED

Though he was divine,  
He did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave,  
He was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
even death of the cross.

Therefore, God has raised him on high,  
and given Him the name above every name:  
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God, the Father.

Amen.

(Philippians 2:6-11 From Authorized Affirmations of Faith, Church of England)

## PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE

*Worship Leader:* The compassion of the Spirit of God within our hearts compels us  
to reach out in prayer to other people. Let us pray.

*Worship Leader:* From around the world we hear many children crying, O God;  
crying for food and drink and someone to enfold them in loving arms.

*Congregation:* **Hear their prayers, dear Lord, and make us instruments of your peace.**

*Worship Leader:* We see the desolate eyes of refugees, O God;  
plodding along war devastated roads, or looking from transit camps,  
and from behind barbed wire, for glimmers of hope.

*Congregation:* **Hear their prayers, dear Lord, and make us instruments of your peace.**

*Worship Leader:* We read about the abused sisters and brothers, O God;  
cringing from family violence, or suffering in paddy-wagons and jails,  
or assaulted in their own homes by strangers.

*Congregation:* **Hear their prayers, dear Lord, and make us instruments of your peace.**

*Worship Leader:* We hear the sobbing of the broken hearted, O God;  
betrayed by spouse or lover, deserted by parents,  
watching at the bed of the dying or following a hearse to the cemetery.

*Congregation:* **Hear their prayers, dear Lord, and make us instruments of your peace.**

*Worship Leader:* We know about the disasters that afflict others, O God;  
the bodies mangled in road accidents; those devastated by disease or war,  
and the minds that have cracked under pressure.

*Congregation:* **Hear their prayers, dear Lord, and make us instruments of your peace.**

*Worship Leader:* We read about your church, O God;  
in some places overcrowding its buildings,  
in others battling to maintain services,  
or in some countries meeting secretly behind locked doors.

*Congregation:* **Hear their prayers, dear Lord, and make us instruments of your peace.**

*Worship Leader:* We look on the faces of both friends and enemies, O God.  
Some of our friends are doing it hard, while enemies seem to be getting it  
easy; yet all are souls for whom Christ died.

*Congregation:* **Hear their prayers, dear Lord, and make us instruments of your peace.**

*Worship Leader:* (read memorials, birthdays, prayer list from bulletin)  
Congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by Silence.

*Worship Leader:* Holy Friend, while we have been praying,  
you have been busy answering our petitions  
with an ineffable wisdom and an indefatigable love.  
Thank you.  
Through Christ Jesus our Saviour.

*Congregation:* **Amen!**

## **THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE**

*Celebrant:* Christ has broken down the dividing wall that made us strangers to one  
another; he has made us one humanity that God might be all in all;  
he is our life, our hope, and our peace.

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also, with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

*One of the following or another sentence of Scripture is used.*

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth; where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break in and steal: but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth consume, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6.19

All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29.14

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

1John 3.17

**Offertory Hymn see insert for hymn #, verses 1-3**

**Doxology #380, verse 3**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*From this point to after the Post Communion Prayer, we will use the Book of Common Prayer.  
Page numbers will be announced.*

### **THE BLESSING**

*Worship Leader:* Live without fear, your creator has made you holy.

*Acolyte:* He has always protected you and loves you as a mother.

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be  
always with you.

**Recessional Hymn: see insert for hymn #, verses 1-3**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant:* Marked by a cross, cherished and forgiven.

*Congregation:* **We are traveling home.**

*Worship Leader:* Called to be holy, called to be happy.

*Congregation:* **We are traveling home.**

*Acolyte:* Across deserts, over mountains.

*Congregation:* **We are traveling home.**

*Reader:* God in our hearts, God in our lives.

*Congregation:* **We are traveling home. AMEN.**

(Patmos Abbey, The Order of Saint Columba. Ruth Burgess). <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/01/ash-wednesday-marked-by-cross.html>