

## Office of Morning Prayer for Lent (Feb. 17-March 26)

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

### Confession of Sin

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant 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.

*Officiant* 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 Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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 Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

*Officiant and People*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands\*

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;\*

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said together*

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 Lessons

Two lesson, as appointed, is read, the Reader first saying  
A Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_\_.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

*Officiant*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*One of the following Canticles, is sung or said in unison after the Reading.*

### 9 The second Song of Isaiah

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

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 prospered in that for which I sent it.

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.

### 14 A Song of Penitence

*Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
    God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all of their offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*

With all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
They tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
It surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
Long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
You do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
That they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
And make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
And I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
Nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
And in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
And I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
And yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen

## 17 The Song of Simeon

*Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
To go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
Whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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.

## Homily

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People, all standing*

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.

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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.

## Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect for the Day*

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all the assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then the following prayer for mission is added*

*Officiant and People*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. Amen.

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant concludes with*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. 2 Corinthians 13:14