

Opening Responses

We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord, **and you will sustain us.**
Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**
Cast us not away from your presence, **and take not your Holy Spirit from us.**
O Lord, open our lips, **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**
O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**
Blessed be God: **Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.**
Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving Father, you despise nothing you have made; indeed, we are your beloved children, and you delight in us. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, confident in your steadfast love, may receive from you perfect remission, forgiveness, and healing of our brokenness. Amen.

Silence

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us into abundant life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm

Psalm of the day

Glory to You, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Canticle

The Song of Manasseh

Lord almighty and God of our ancestors, *
you who made heaven and earth in all their glory:

All things tremble with awe at your presence, *
before your great and mighty power.

Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, *
for you are God, Most High.

You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very merciful, *
and you relent at human suffering.

O God, according to your great goodness, you have promised forgiveness for repentance *

to those who have sinned against you.

The sins I have committed against you *

are more in number than the sands of the sea.

I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven, *

because of the multitude of my iniquities.

And now I bend the knee of my heart before you, *

imploring your kindness upon me.

I have sinned, O God, I have sinned, *

and I acknowledge my transgressions.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me, *

according to your great mercy.

For all the host of heaven sings your praise, *

and your glory is for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to . .

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence

Sharing: What spoke to you in today's readings?

Response of Faith

With the whole church, **we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere, **we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation, **we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

With confidence and trust in God's steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray

to you Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

I invite your intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings in silence or aloud.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Welcome (Re-Lent) Prayer (Mary Mrozowski & Father Thomas Keating)

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

I welcome everything that comes to me today because I know it's for my healing.

I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons, situations, and conditions.

I let go of my desire for power and control.

I let go of my desire for affection, esteem, approval and pleasure.

I let go of my desire for survival and security.

I let go of my desire to change any situation, condition, person or myself.

I open to the love and presence of God and God's action within. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (paraphrase by Lynn Mills)

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray,

Our Creator, ground of all being, holy is your name.

May your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us.¹

May your will be done, throughout all your creation.

Give us today what we need for *this* day.

Forgive us our failings and shortcomings,

and help us to forgive those who have harmed us.

Save us from trials too hard for us and deliver us from evil.

May you reign in the kingdom, the power,

and the glory of your love, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of steadfast and compassionate love fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. **Amen.**

¹ A few ancient authorities read "Your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us" rather than "May your Kingdom come."