

Going out as God's People

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father
the maker of all, the giver of all good things,
Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

For Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lived and worked among us,
Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

For his suffering and death on the cross
and his resurrection to new life

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

For his rule over all things
and his presence in the world
Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
who teaches us and guides us.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the
Church

and the life of this world

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Dismissal

We go into the world
**to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.**

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves

and to take up your cross and follow him:
and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.



An order for Midweek Evening Prayer During Lent

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to seek forgiveness of our sins
to hear and receive God's holy word
and to pray for the world,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise

Let us worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

Hymn

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise forever.
In the darkness of our sin, you have shone in our
hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of
God
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,
that freed from the misery of sin and shame
we may grow into your likeness from glory to
glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Penitence

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Therefore, let us renounce our wilfulness and ask for his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith

sit or kneel

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us
from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Or

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.
Our selfishness betrays you:
Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:
Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

We run away from those who abuse you:
Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:
Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

The priest proclaims words of God's absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of His name
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Collects

The collect of the week is said, followed by the lent collect.

**Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are
penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite
hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

**The reading is introduced with the following
(remain seated)**

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
**So let the light of your presence shine into
our hearts.**

Reading

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Response to God's Word

A time of silence is kept

Reflection/meditation

A time of silence is kept

Stand

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.**

Hymn

Intercessions

sit or kneel

*each intercession may finish with one of the
following responses*

Lord, meet us in the silence,
give us strength and hear our prayer.

or

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father...