

## 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.**

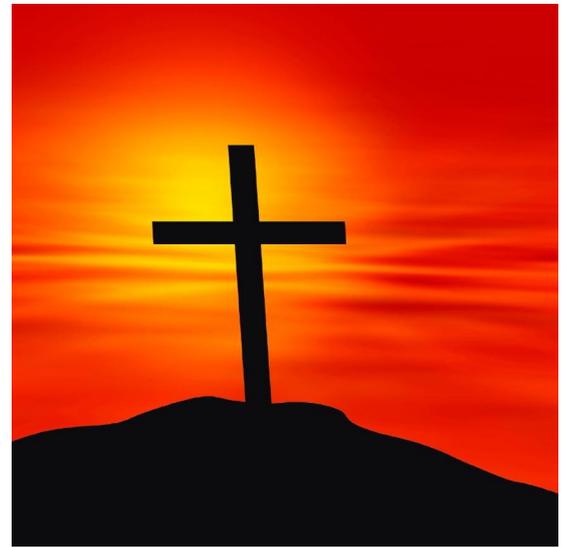
## The Blessing

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...**