

We pray an offering prayer

Let us pray.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

We pray for ourselves and the world

We pray the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

GOD BLESSES US

We go with God

Christ himself suffered for us and left us an example,
so that we would follow in his steps.

He committed no sin,

and no-one ever heard a lie come from his lips.

When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult;

when he suffered, he did not threaten, but placed his hopes in God, the righteous judge.

Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross,

so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

It is by his wounds

that we have been healed.

We were like sheep that had lost their way,

but now we have been brought back to follow the shepherd and keeper of our souls.

(1 Peter 2:21–25)

Christ our crucified Saviour draw you to himself, so that you may find in him the assurance of sins forgiven and the gift of eternal life. And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and always.

Amen

We sing a hymn/song

Sunday Word & Prayer – Lent 1

GOD WELCOMES US

We come to God

The Lord is near to all who call on him.

Come, let us worship him.

Praise to you, O Lord,

king of eternal glory.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

We confess our sin and God forgives us

Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Just as all people were made sinners

as the result of the disobedience of one man,

in the same way they will all be put right with God

as the result of the obedience of the one man.

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us.

Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins.

By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

We sing a Lenten hymn/song

We pray Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I will confess my sins to the Lord.

While I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will confess my sins to the Lord.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

I will confess my sins to the Lord.

We pray a Lenten prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for giving your life to redeem us,

yourself for our example, your word for our rule,

your love for our guide, your body on the cross for our sin.

Enter our hearts and take possession of them, and live with us forever,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

GOD SPEAKS TO US

We listen to God's word

Old Testament Reading

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in ...

(after the reading)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Epistle Reading

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in ...

(after the reading)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of the Lord as it is written in ...

(after the gospel)

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ

We do not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

We sing a hymn/song

We listen to the address

We confess our faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence he will come 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.

* 'catholic' here meaning 'universal'

GOD RECEIVES OUR OFFERING

We sing a hymn/song as our offering is received