

# Worship for Lent

## ***Words of Greeting***

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

The Lord our redeemer be with you  
**and also with you.**

## ***Confession***

*Silence is kept.*

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

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

[On Ash Wednesday, the prayers for the imposition of ashes will follow at this point.]

## ***The Collect***

***Bible Reading*** (readings on the pewsheets).

## ***Talk***



## ***Response***

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord. Let your ears be open to hear my voice.  
**My hope is in God's word.**

My soul is longing for the Lord, more than those who watch for daybreak.  
**My hope is in God's word.**

## ***Creed***

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## ***Prayers***

We conclude by saying  
***The Lord's Prayer***

## ***The Blessing***

May God the Father,  
who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give to you a contrite heart.  
**Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
heal you by his wounds.  
**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,  
speak to you words of pardon and peace.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

