

## Morning Prayer – Lent 2021

*You may wish to light a candle*

"What does the Lord require of us?

**To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God."** (Micah)

### Opening Sentences:

Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall declare your praise.**

Lord, open our eyes,

**And our seeing shall behold your glory.**

Lord, open our hearts,

**And our feelings shall know your love.**

Lord, open our minds,

**And our thinking shall discover your wonders.**

Lord, open our lives,

**And our living shall declare your presence.**

### Penitence:

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**Grant us peace.**

Jesus, in your great mercy,

**you forgive our sins and bring us to new life in you.**

**Amen.**

### Psalm 51. 1-5, 12-15

Have mercy on me, O God,

in your great goodness;

**according to the abundance of your compassion**

**blot out my offences.**

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,

and cleanse me from my sin.

**For I know my faults,**

**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you only have I sinned,

and done what is evil in your sight,

**so that you are justified in your sentence**

**and blameless when you pass judgement.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me away from your presence,**

**and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and sustain in me your gracious spirit.

**Then I will teach your ways to the wicked,**

**and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from guilt, O God,

O God of my salvation,

**and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### First Reading:

#### Collect for Lent:

Almighty God,

by the prayer and discipline of Lent

may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,

and by following in his Way

come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Second Reading and Reflection:

#### Affirmation of Faith:

**Though he was divine,**

**he did not cling to equality with God,**

**but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,**

**he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself**

**and was obedient to death,**

**even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,**

**and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus**

**every knee should bow,**

**and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

#### Prayers of Intercession:

*Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer*

#### Prayer in time of Coronavirus:

Gracious God,

as we remember before you the thousands

who have died,

surround us and all who mourn with your

strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief,

protect us from despair,

and give us grace to persevere

and face the future with hope

in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as it is 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 for ever. Amen.**

**Closing Prayers – from Meister Eckhart:**

We pray for guidance on our journey, trusting in the  
love and compassion of our Lord God.

**You, nameless God, want to form yourself in me  
and give yourself to me,  
not as I think or want or will,  
but rather as you are,  
beyond all thinking and wanting and willing  
in the one nameless truth of love.**

**There is a journey we must take.  
It is a journey without destination.  
There is no map.  
Our soul will lead us.  
And we can take nothing with us.**

**Lead us, Lord Jesus. Amen.**