

# ***Morning Worship during the season of Lent.***



O Lord, open our lips  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**God of our days and years,  
We set this time apart for you.  
As we journey with you towards the cross  
And the empty tomb, form us into your likeness  
So that our lives may glorify you. Amen.**

### **The Beatitudes**

In Jesus words and his life, Jesus shows us God's way.  
Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow  
him:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven**

Blessed are those who mourn  
**For they shall be comforted**

Blessed are the meek,  
**For they shall inherit the earth**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after  
righteousness,  
**For they shall be satisfied**

**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.**

A hymn may be sung

### **Final Prayer**

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ  
You have reconciled your people to yourself,  
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,  
May we obey you with willing hearts and serve one  
another in holy love;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Collect

### The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
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 forever. Amen.**

### The Conclusion

#### Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God

**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.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
**For they shall obtain mercy**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**For they shall see God**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**For they shall be called children of God**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for  
righteousness' sake,  
**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*from Matthew Chapter 5*

*Silence is kept*

## The Word

### Reading from the Old or New Testament Psalm 130

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.**

If you recorded all our sins  
Who could come before you?  
**My hope is in God's word.**

There is forgiveness with you:  
Therefore you shall be feared.  
**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.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
For with the Lord there is mercy.

**My hope is in God's word.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy  
Spirit.

**My hope is in God's word.**

### **The Gospel reading**

***at the end, the reader may say:***

This is the word of the Lord      **Thanks to be God.**

### **Sermon**

*A hymn may sung*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.      **Lord, have mercy**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.      **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord have mercy.      **Lord have mercy**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

***One of these responses may be used:***

Lord, hear us.      **Or**      Lord in your mercy

**Lord, graciously hear us**      **Hear our prayer**