

The First Sunday in Lent: February 21, 2021



Service from the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 351

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Prelude

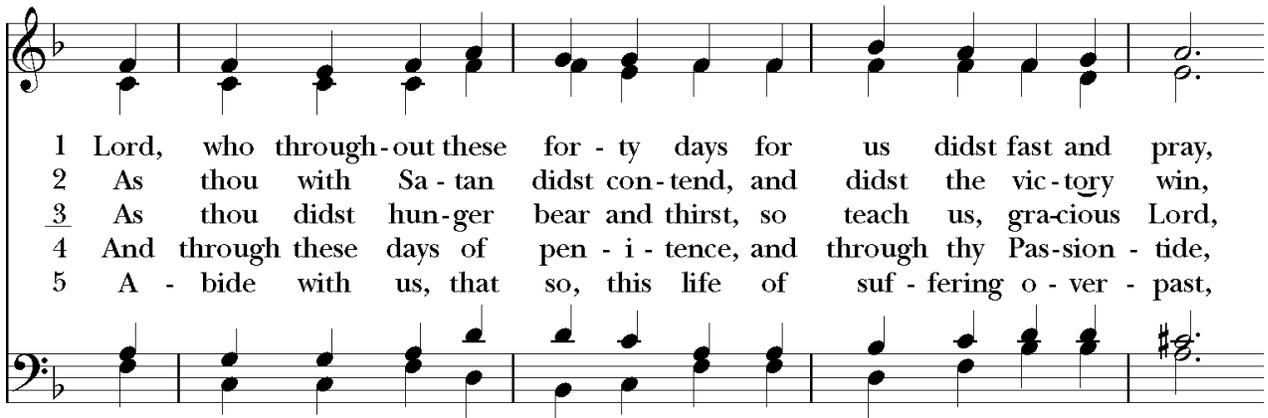
Welcome & Introductory Video

Entrance and Procession

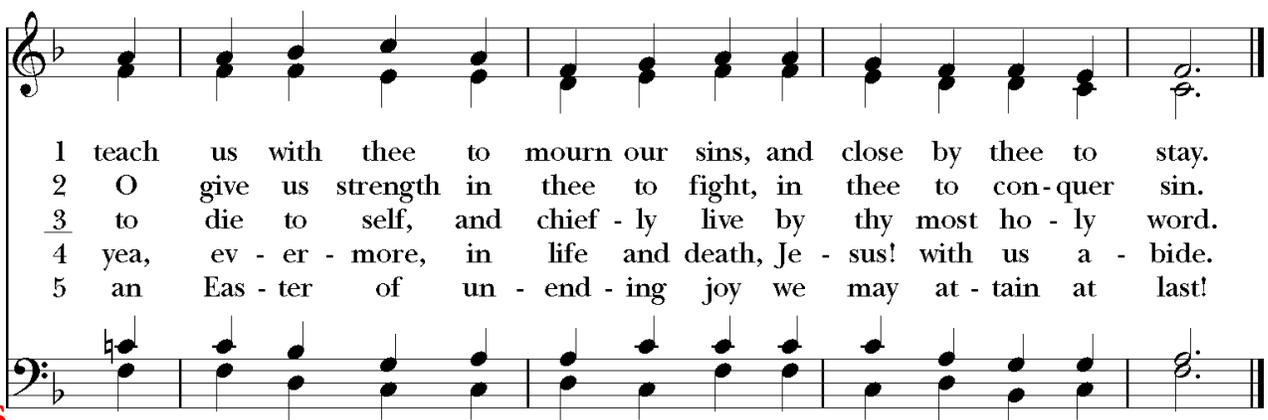
Processional

First Three Verses

Hymnal # 142



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fer-ing o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

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Lord, who throughout these forty days
 for us didst fast and pray,
 teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
 and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend,
 and didst the victory win,
 O give us strength in thee to fight,
 in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
 so teach us, gracious Lord,
 to die to self, and chiefly live
 by thy most holy word.

Opening Acclamation: Sung or Said

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

Decalogue

Presider kneeling center

Celebrant, Deacon, or Cantor *People*

(Each commandment monotoned) A - men. Lord, have mer - cy.

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14, 16

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Collect for this Sunday in Lent

Presider: The Lord be with you

Congregation: and also with you

Presider: let us pray

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen..*

Old Testament

Tim McLaughlin:

A reading from the first book of Genesis

9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is

the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

Sheila Davis:

Please pray with me this portion of Psalm 25

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Epistle

Ava Wilkins:

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Anthem

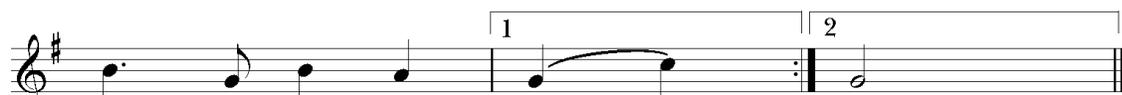
Refrain



There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed



whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to



heal the sin - sick soul. soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you



think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly
can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of



Repeat Refrain
Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.
Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead,
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say, "He died for all."

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev Matthew Cowden

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of One Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our Salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at

the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Ava Wilkins:

Let us pray for the Church and for the World.

pause

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Collect # 1

Tim McLaughlin

A prayer For the Human Family, from page 815 of the Book of Common Prayer

Let us pray

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect # 2

Sheila Davis:

A Prayer For Young Persons From page 829 of the Book of Common Prayer

Let us pray

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect #3

Ava Wilkins:

A prayer For Travelers, from page 831f the Book of Common Prayer

Let us pray

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the sick and those in need, with collect

Tim: We pray for those in need, we pray for those in any sickness, transition or distress. And we pray especially for those committed to our prayers at Saint Michael's:

Char Bollman
Lucy Vellner
Brian Knipple
Mary Jane Willoughby
Tony and Beryl Cockram
Marie
Victiora
Craig
Nora Arnold
Carl Lakovits
Barb Coddens
Marcy Cortes
Grandma Ma
and for those we now name.....

For the Sick BCP Page 260

Tim: Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers for birthdays with collect

Sheila: We give thanks for the birthdays both of last week and for this coming week of February:

02/14 Jennifer Firestone
02/14 Miles Warne
02/16 June Bays
02/19 Phil Bays
02/21 Caleb Crittendon
02/21 Lucas Papai
02/21 Elaine Roughton
02/21 Andi Zavor
02/24 Julian Kamanda
02/25 Mabel Blunk
02/25 Charlene Bollman
02/25 Charlotte Worland
2/26 Carol Nickel
02/27 Valerie Roughton

Sheila: We pray, *From page 830*
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as *they* begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers for anniversaries with collect

Ava: We give thanks for the anniversaries this month of:

02/19 Frank & Karen Gray

Ava : Let us pray *Prayers for Anniversaries From the Book of Occasional Services*

O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these couples as they renew the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

For those who have Died

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Fr Matthew: This week we pray especially for ...

02/14 Lois Kress
02/16 Earl Shuttleworth
02/16 Ronnie Pelligran
02/18 Francis Ratcliff
02/18 James Horning
02/19 Bruce Reamer
02/19 Lewis Chapman
02/21 Dick Schelling
02/22 David Gilpin
02/22 Sherrie Brennan
02/22 William Adreas
02/23 Jeanne Bertles
02/23 Walter Mizen JR
02/25 Ginny Owens

Father Matthew: Let us pray
For the Departed

Page 253 in the Book of Common Prayer

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A sign of peace is exchanged among the people.

The Offertory

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

You may be seated but please stand as the offerings come forward.

Offertory Anthem

The Glory of These Forty Days

#143

**The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.**

Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

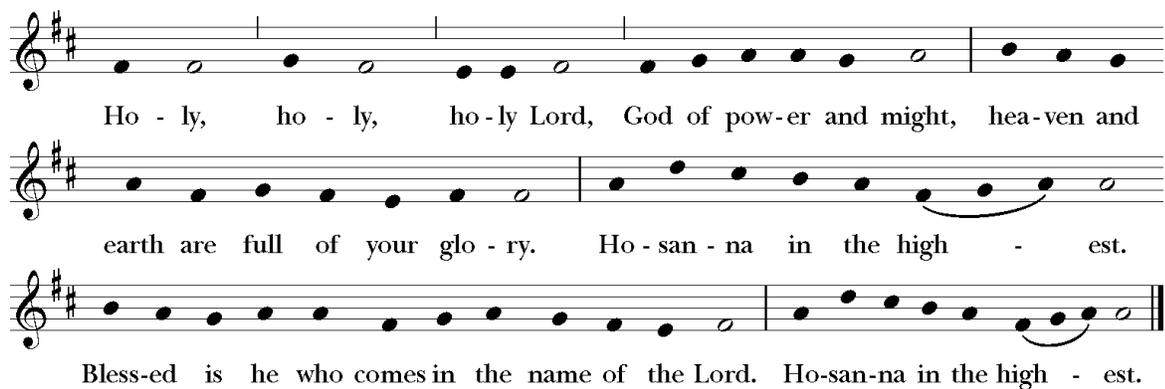
People
It is right to give I ^{God} hanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to

triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and". The second staff contains: "earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The third staff contains: "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a double bar line.

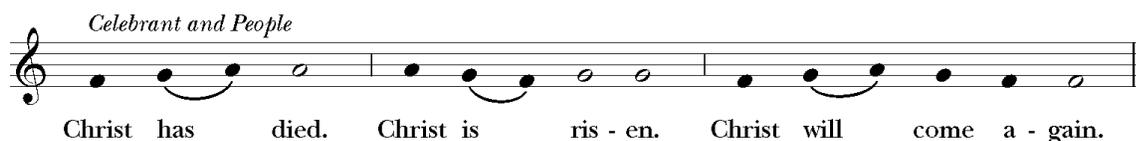
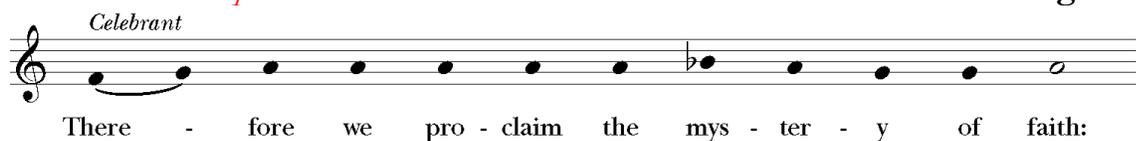
Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.
During Lent "Alleluia" is not spoken or prayed.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the people of God.
Invitation for Drive-through Communion

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Officiant and People

**Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest,
as you were present with your disciples in the upper room.
Since we cannot, at this time, partake in the Holy Sacrament
of your Body and Blood at the Altar of your Church,
send us your Holy Spirit, meet us right where we are,
that we may greet you in our bodies and in our blood.**

**In this act of Spiritual Communion,
redeem all our days by your victory over death;
forgive our sins, banish our fears,
make us bold to praise you and to do your will;
and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great
Day;
Through you, O Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit
we worship and praise, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Concluding Prayer for Lent

From Rite Stuff, Book of Occasional Services, Seasonal Blessings, Lent 1 prayer

Celebrant prays.

Presider: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 142

last Two Verses

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

And through these days of penitence,
 and through thy Passiontide,
 yea, evermore, in life and death,
 Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life
 of suffering overpast,
 an Easter of unending joy
 we may attain at last!

Concluding Video/Outro