



Morning Prayer in Lent

Gathering

We gather in silence and prayer

Behold, now is the acceptable time, **Today is the day of salvation!**

O Lord, I cry to you for help: **In the morning my prayer comes before you.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again, **and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

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Word

READINGS

*One or more selections from scripture or other appropriate readings are proclaimed. Each reading may be concluded: The reading ends here, or: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Following the readings there is a time of silence for reflection.

The Canticle of Zachariah is read responsively.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old

that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to Sarah and Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayers

God is always ready to hear, more ready to hear than we are to turn to God. Let us pray for healing and wholeness for those in need, and for our Lenten disciplines to renew us in our walk and witness to the faith that is ours.

Silence

Give us strength to live the disciplines of Lent, that we may grow in faith, love, and generosity. In mercy hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Guide us to pray for the good of those we love, and those we don't. **Lord, hear our prayer**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by sin in our lives and the world.

Renew and refresh us in body and soul, through our Lenten journey.

Give peace to the dying and those who wait and care for them. **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken in our lives, in this nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O God, gather us in the Spirit, and keep us community in this time.

Strengthen us to give up and give away for the good of our soul and the good of our neighbor.

Open our eyes to see and our hands to bless the need around us.

Hear us O God, for the deepest needs of our hearts, for the needs of our neighbors, community and world, as we bring them before you aloud in our own words, or in the silence of our hearts...

Here we may offer our prayers and petitions.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who struggle with illness of body, mind or spirit,

We commend those in our hearts to your healing mercy.

Pastor offers the Collect of the Day. The prayers then conclude:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day.

Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity.

In these Lenten days direct all we do to the fulfilling of your purpose;

that in days to come we may serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 glory,

Forever and ever, Amen!

Blessing & Benediction

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

Almighty and merciful God,

the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,

bless and preserve us. **Amen.**