

LENT

Morning Prayer  
Lent IV



all souls  
anglican church

## Opening Sentence

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3:2

## Confession Of Sin

*The Officiant says to the People*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not  
to have done;  
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare all those who confess their faults.  
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises  
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory

*All stand.*

O Lord, open our lips;

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

O God, make speed to save us;

**O Lord, make haste to help us**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's Name be praised.**

## Venite

*O Come*

*Officiant and People, all standing*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

**O come, let us adore him.**

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \***

**let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the depths of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God, \***

**and we are the people of his pasture,**

**and the sheep of his hand.**

**Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts \***

**as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,**

**When your fathers tested me, \***

**and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.**

**Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, \*  
 “It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,”  
 Of whom I swore in my wrath \*  
 that they should not enter into my rest.**

Psalm 95

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
**O come, let us adore him.**

*Psalm 23*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
**therefore I can lack nothing.**
- 2 He shall feed me in green pastures  
**and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.**
- 3 He shall refresh my soul  
**and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.**
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no  
 evil,  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.**
- 5 You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who trouble me;  
**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Readings

*A reading from the first book of Samuel*

1 Sam. 16:1–13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*A reading from the holy gospel, according to Saint John*

John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The word of the lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### Benedictus

#### *The Song of Zechariah*

*The following Canticle is sung or said, all standing*

**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 fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father 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 in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## The Suffrages

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

**And grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, guide those who govern us;

**And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**And let your people sing with joy.**

O Lord, save your people;

**And bless your inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

**And defend us by your mighty power.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

## Collect Of The Day

### *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A Collect For Strength To Await Christ's Return

### *Sunday*

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Collect For Mission

### *II*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Prayers

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying,  
Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our Prayer.**

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer.**

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Jim, our Bishop. For all the clergy and people of our Diocese, and especially for the clergy, vestry and people of our church, All Souls

Loving God, we pray for our community:

for Japhlet, Hussein and Pastor David, Spiritual Pastor and Counselor of Kinyago Dandora Schools. They are praying for: The Huska family, Jason & Heidi Long & family, and Michael Contreras

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially for Donald, our President, and the leaders of the world; and for JB, our Governor; and the leaders of this nation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially for Dick Jensen, recovering from back surgery; and for Tom Topel (Toe-PAUL), battling cancer, and for all those affected by the Coronavirus.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer.**

Merciful Father

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The People kneel or stand.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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.**

*.A hymn or anthem may be sung.*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, **Father of all mercies,**  
**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks**  
**for all your goodness and loving-kindness**  
**to us and to all whom you have made.**  
**We bless you for our creation, preservation,**  
**and all the blessings of this life;**  
**but above all for your immeasurable love**  
**in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**  
**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**  
**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,**  
**that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,**  
**not only with our lips, but in our lives,**  
**by giving up our selves to your service,**  
**and by walking before you**  
**in holiness and righteousness all our days;**  
**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### A Prayer Of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

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

### The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**