

Lenten Prayer Service

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We are now in the church season of “Lent,” the forty days before Easter that do not include Sundays. During these days, we may do without some things so that others may have more. We may also examine our lives and reorient them through prayer. Finally, we may focus on doing what the prophet Micah declared: “To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.” Join with others taking this journey.

OPENING WORDS

(Responsively)

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Thank the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF LIGHT

Words by Charles Wesley

“Christ Whose Glory Filled the Skies”

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Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o’er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day’s return till Thy mercy’s beams I see.
Till Thy inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy Divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison)

Father Eternal, Giver of Light and Grace, we have sinned against you and against each other – in what we have thought, and in what we have said and done. Some sins come from ignorance, others through weakness or deliberate acts. We are sorry and ashamed of our transgressions. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and lead us out from darkness into the light of Christ. Amen.

(Time for silent confession and reflection)

SUNG RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22: 23-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION ON PSALM 22

*CLOSING PRAYER

(Unison)

Lord, our God, make us pilgrims throughout these forty days. We pledge to walk in the light of your Word and by the power of your Spirit. Strengthen us in our commitment, we pray, that we may serve you and each other in the love of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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