

Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Master of the kingdom,

C thank you for your grace.

Our Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

I love your kingdom, Lord,
the place of your abode;
the Church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

I love your Church, O God!
Its walls before you stand,
dear as the apple of your eye
and graven on your hand.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
its sweet communion, solemn vows,
its hymns of love and praise.

Sure as your truth shall last,
to Zion shall be giv'n
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heav'n.



March 17, 2021
Mid-week Lenten service

THE PARABLES OF LENT RECEIVE GRACE

THE PARABLE of *the Workers in the Vineyard*
Lent 4 – Order of Service

Opening Hymn "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" vv. 1, 4

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do our Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since you are our head,
We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.
Jesus, if I faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

Litany

*L In this holy season the Son of God humbles himself so
that we receive mercy.*

**C Humble me once again, O God, that my life would be
pleasing and acceptable to you.**

*L In this holy season the Son of God reminds us that his
heavenly Father provides us with everything we need,
though we deserve nothing.*

**C Remind me, O God, of the privilege it is to serve in your
kingdom and of your grace that provides everything
that I need, though it is undeserved.**

- L In this holy season the Son of God enters into his Passion and death so that we are exalted.*
- C Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

Prayer of the Day

- L Let us pray,*
O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P Too often in our selfishness we feel as though we deserve more than we receive. Let us confess the sins of our hearts and lives to our Lord who hears and forgives:*
- C Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. Far too often we feel as though we are slighted and deserve more than we receive. We are mistaken when we think that we ought to make great gain for simply doing what we have been called to do as your children. By our selfishness we have sinned against you and against others in thought, word and deed. Forgive us, most holy God.**

- P The Lord Jesus came into this world to take upon himself that which he did not deserve: he took on our suffering and death as a punishment for our sin and selfishness. Because he got what he did not deserve on the cross, we get what we do not deserve: forgiveness, life and salvation. Receive now the priceless gift he paid for: all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Hymn of Response “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

On my heart imprint your image,
blessed Jesus, king of grace,
that life’s troubles nor its pleasures
ever may your work erase;
let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope’s foundation,
all my glory and salvation!

Old Testament Reading ... Isaiah 11:1-9

Epistle Reading ... Romans 9:14-24

Gospel Reading ... Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

Sermon Hymn “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;
From selfish passions set me free And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity Point out your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see And share your joy at last.