

Midweek Lenten Order of Service

Before Service-Begin with personal, silent prayer

Welcome & Announcements

Leader: Lord, we have joined together for our common worship. Yet each of us has brought something different to this service. Some of us have come with happiness and gratitude and want to give thanks. Some have come with sadness and disappointment and need to be comforted and encouraged. Some have come with guilt or confusion and seek to be forgiven or redirected. Some have come with no particular feeling at all and need to be challenged and made to see the truth. Help us, Lord, that during this worship service that we might have our needs met. In silence we would lift our personal prayers, but we would as well listen for your words to us...in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(may be followed with a period of silence)

Opening Hymn:

The Lenten Prayer

All: O, Lord up the hill to Calvary You carried the cross of love. We are called to remember that road. We wish to have fellowship with You in your sorrow, so that through your suffering we may have strength and peace. Help us to be strong, so that we may never betray You as Judas did, nor deny You as Peter did. We remember how they spat upon You; how they mocked You; how they pierced your hands and feet; and how they called You names. And you quietly prayed, "Father, forgive them for they, know not what they do." During Lenten Season may we, too, learn the meaning of forgiveness, so that we may learn to love as You love us. In your Name we pray. Amen.

The Lenten Confession

All: Forgive us, Lord, for being afraid. We have been afraid really to try going the second mile. We have been afraid actually to return good for evil. We have been afraid truly to let love rule in our relationships with others. We have been afraid to surrender ourselves completely to your will. Forgive us, Father, and help us to realize that we cannot truly follow You until we permit your Spirit to remove all fear from our minds, replacing it with your peace and hope, through Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Psalm

The Lesson

The DVD

The Offering

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn:

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