

## Closing prayer

Jesus, lord of time,  
**hold us in your eternity.**

Jesus, image of God,  
**travel with us the life of faith.**

Jesus, friend of sinners,  
**heal the brokenness of our world.**

Jesus, lord of tomorrow,  
**draw us into your future.**  
**Amen.**

## The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing ...



## **First Sunday in Lent: Morning Worship - 21/2/21**

### Welcome and call to worship

This is the day that the Lord has made  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Hymn: Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

### Confession and Absolution

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*We keep silence to recall our need for God's forgiveness.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Readings and Sermon**

**Reading:** Mark 1:9-15

**Sermon** - Eve Lockett

*A time of reflection*

*Hymn*    **To the river I am going  
Bringing sins I cannot bear  
Come and cleanse me, come forgive me  
Lord I need to meet you there**

**Precious Jesus, I am ready  
To surrender every care  
Take my hand now, lead me closer  
Lord I need to meet you there**

**In these waters, healing mercy  
Flows with freedom from despair  
I am going, to that river  
Lord I need to meet you there**

**Come and join us, in the river  
Come find life beyond compare  
He is calling, He is waiting  
Jesus longs to meet you there**

**The Intercessions** led by Jackie Laar

*Prayers of Intercession are followed by the Lord's Prayer.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.****

*Hymn:* **Come thou fount of every blessing**