

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**