



Morning Prayer Service for Lent

And When You Call for Me MV 96

*And when you call for me, I have already answered.
And when you call for me, I am already there.*

Announcements

We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord, **and you will sustain us.**
Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**
Cast us not away from your presence **and take not your Holy Spirit from us.**
Give us the joy of your saving help again **and sustain us by your bountiful Spirit.**
Blessed are you, O Holy One, **the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.**

O God of Font and Altar CP 389

*O God of font and altar, of music, grandeur, light;
toward whom the soaring arches aspire beyond their height:
as beauty draws us to you within this house of prayer,
let worship form and feed us to help us show your care.*

*O life bestowing Spirit, inspire this hallowed space;
breathe through us with new fervour and fill us with your grace.
Arouse our lagging spirits, enflame our hearts with joy;
here let a love be kindled that death cannot destroy.*

*O Christ, who cleansed the temple, baptize us with your zeal,
and teach us your compassion to love, forgive and heal.
Be in our midst to claim us and mark us as your own;
then send us forth in witness to make your mercy known.*

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory forever.

**In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance.
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing
your praise.**

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Psalm 19

The musical score for Psalm 19 is written in G major and 2/2 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. Above the treble staff, guitar chords are indicated: D, G, D, G, C, Am, Dsus⁴, D, G. The first measure of the treble staff has a forte (*f*) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: "The heav - ens are tell - ing the Ho - ly One's glo - ry."

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. R

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;

the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often they offend?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight;

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. RR

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Incline your ear to me; make haste to answer when I call.

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Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come before you.

Make haste to answer when I call.

Hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

Make haste to answer when I call.

You endure forever and your name from age to age.

Make haste to answer when I call.

You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have pity upon her.

Make haste to answer when I call.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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Deep Within Gather 399

Deep within I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart.

Follow me, I will bring you back, you will be my own, and I will be your God.

***I will give you a new heart, a new spirit within you,
for I will be your strength.***

Deep within I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart.

Follow me, I will bring you back, you will be my own, and I will be your God.

***Seek my face, and see your God,
for I will be your hope.***

Deep within I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart.

Follow me, I will bring you back, you will be my own, and I will be your God.

***Return to me, with all your heart,
and I will bring you back.***

Deep within I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart.

Follow me, I will bring you back, you will be my own, and I will be your God.

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop

making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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Sermon

Come let us return to the Lord **who has torn us and will heal us.**

God has stricken us **and will bind up our wounds.**

After two days, God will revive us,

and on the third day will raise us up, so that we may live in the presence of the Lord.

Let us strive to know the Lord, **whose appearing is as sure as the sunrise.**

God will come to us like the showers, **like the spring rains that water the earth.**

'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? **How shall I deal with you, O Judah?**

'Your love for me is like the morning mist, **like the dew that goes early away.**

Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, **and my judgement goes forth as the light.**

For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, **and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Please join me in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.'

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For all whom we have injured or offended,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For grace to amend our lives and to further your reign,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *those preparing for baptism and confirmation;*
- *those serving through leadership in church and state;*
- *those looking for forgiveness;*
- *those misled by the false gods of this present age and*
- *all who are hungry.*

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, so that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. **Amen.**

Be Not Afraid Gather 608

***You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You will see the face of God and live.
Be not afraid. I go before you always,
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

***If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.
Be not afraid. I go before you always,
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

***Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!
Be not afraid. I go before you always,
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd CP 630

You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.

You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,

shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss,

you, the everlasting instant; you, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach away that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife.

You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

[Readings for next Sunday – March 14, 2021](#)

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;

Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21