

# **For all the Church Family**

## **A Service of the Word**

### **in Lent**



The emblem on the back of our Lenten Chasuble.  
The crown of thorns. Jesus' blood. The inscription above the cross.

**The Parish Church of**  
**St Mary Magdalene**  
**Lincoln**





## Gathering to worship God

### *Greeting*

The Lord our redeemer be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

### *Opening Prayer*

God of our days and years,  
we set this time apart for you.  
Form us in the likeness of Christ  
so that our lives may glorify you.

**All: Amen.**

*Silence is kept and the Collect, the prayer of the day,  
is said.*

## Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
Through Christ our lord.  
Amen.**

## *Psalm 130*

Out of the depths I have called you, Lord.  
Let your ear be open to hear my voice

**All: My hope is in God's word.**

If you recorded all our sins  
who could come before you?

**All: My hope is in God's word.**

There is forgiveness with you:  
therefore you shall be feared.

**All: My hope is in God's word.**

My soul is longing for the Lord,  
more than those who watch for the daybreak.

**All: My hope is in God's word.**

O Israel wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy.

**All: My hope is in God's word.**

## **The Word**

*Reading(s)*

*After each reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Response*

***A short reflection is offered.***

## ***Confession and Forgiveness***

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the  
prophets.

***All:*** **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our  
God, though we have rebelled against him.  
Let us renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.  
Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy**

Against you, you only have we sinned and done all that is  
evil in your sight.

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

Create in us a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within us.  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

*The minister declares God's forgiveness.*

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring us his pardon and peace, now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

*The prayers may include one of these responses*

Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, meet us in the silence

**All: and hear our prayer.**

*The prayers may end with*

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Gathering our prayers and praise into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us

**All: 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.**

## **Going out to serve God**

*This prayer may be said*

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ  
you have reconciled your people to yourself.  
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for sharing in this service.*

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