



# Morning Worship for Lent

Opening Song

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayer

Driven by the Spirit Jesus went out to inhabit a liminal place.  
**For forty days and nights, homeless and weary, famished and footsore, he wandered and watched and wrestled**

**Women: For forty days and nights, companioned and comforted by animals and angels, he traversed and tested and tempered**

And then, knowing who he was, seeing where he must go, understanding what he should do,  
**Jesus, filled with the Spirit, returned from the uncharted place to do the work of the Kingdom.**

Jesus, by your example you challenge us to make this season a journey of discovery;  
**As we leave comforting landmarks behind to inhabit and explore our own uncharted places help us to discern who we are and embrace what we might become.**

Jesus, by your words and actions you show us how to watch and wait and wrestle;  
**As we listen now to those familiar stories help us to recognise where we are and envisage where we need to move to.**

Jesus, you offer us your company in the known and the unknown places;  
**As we meet with you in story and song, help us to better understand the threads of our lives and see how to weave them, with yours, into the patterns of God's Kingdom.**

Saying Sorry to God

Hidden God,  
we bring to you this day  
our burdens and brokenness,  
our self-image bruised and hurting,  
our fears, shame, doubts and anxieties,  
the raw materials we ask You to bless and change,  
that in our dark tunnels  
we may begin to see light  
and in our desert experiences  
we may find You.

## *Silence*

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **We Hear That We Are Forgiven**

May the God of love  
bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Collect**

**Song**

**Reading(s)**

**Talk**

**Song**

**What We Believe**

We believe in God the Creator,  
who made us and all things,  
who set us on our paths in this world.

We believe in God the Saviour,  
who is one with the Creator,  
This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ,  
walked a path through this world,  
taking on human form having been born of a woman  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
He lived and worked in this world among people just like us.  
He walked God's path to death on a cross,  
and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, our counsellor and guide,  
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,  
who through the body and blood of Jesus  
brings us into communion with all people, past, present and future;  
who calls us to walk a sacred way of life through this world,  
caring for creation and the people we meet on the way,  
loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice,

being God's hands and feet in the world.

## The Prayers

We finish by praying the prayer that Jesus 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  
lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen**

## Blessing and Dismissal

It was never promised  
that you will not be tempted,  
not thrown into turmoil,  
not stumble or fall,  
but that by grace you will be saved, through trusting God.  
**Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Grace is a free gift of God.  
Gift. Just ongoing gift.  
For me. For you.  
**Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

You have a destiny to inherit,  
over which the angels in heaven marvel.  
The quiet strength of Christ,  
the humble power of God,  
and the pervasive light of the Spirit,  
is yours today and always.  
**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, amen.**

## Final Song

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