



Sharing the Feast of Life in the Season of Lent

Introductory music, followed by welcome by ministry team member

Opening sentence

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Opening hymn

Gathering

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration,
meeting and feasting with the humble and poor:

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk,
letting go of our security:

Let us walk his way with trust.

Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices
of those who have nothing to lose:

Let us walk his way with compassion.

Jesus points us to a way of self-giving,
where power and status are overturned:

Let us walk his way with humility.

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross,
where despair is transformed by the promise of new life:

Let us walk his way with faith.

Reconciliation

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and
contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to God, who is full of compassion, and
acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**O God, you have searched us out and known us,
and all that we are is open to you.**

**We confess that we have sinned:
we have used our power to dominate
and our weakness to manipulate;
we have evaded responsibility
and failed to confront evil;
we have denied dignity to ourselves
and to our sisters and brothers.**

We sing:

**Lord, have mercy on us
Hear us as we pray;
Lord, have mercy on us,
Take all sin away.**

**Christ, have mercy on us,
Hear our heartfelt plea;
Christ, have mercy on us,
Set our spirits free.**

(Repeat first verse)

2-minute silence, begun & ended by the sounding of a bell

We turn to you, O God:

**we renounce evil;
we claim your love;
we choose to be made whole.**

Forgiveness

Jesus said:

'I came not to judge the world, but to save it.'

And St John says:

'Having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end.'

In Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

Sisters and brothers, Christ sets you free:
journey on with hope.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for the Day

*... after which the president sends the children out to
Kids' Church.*

Ministry of the Word

First reading

At the end of the first reading the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn

The Gospel

Before the Gospel reading the reader says:

The Gospel reading is from ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon or other reflection

5-minute silence, begun & ended by the sounding of a bell

Affirmation of Faith *[said]*

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

We sing:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Lover of all,
trail wide the hem of your garment.
Bring healing, bring peace.**

Music is played as the children return.

The Peace

God makes peace within us:

Let us claim it!

Christ makes peace between us:

Let us share it!

We share a sign of Peace and gather round the altar.

The Preparation of the Gifts

The children bring up the bread and wine for the celebration of Communion.

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present this money,
symbolic of all our giving,
and of the work you have given us to do:
use it, use us, in the service of your world
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

The minister thanks God for the bread and wine and for ourselves. At the end of each prayer we say together:

Blessed be God for ever.

Thanksgiving Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We open them to God.

Let us give thanks to the God of all.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers our thanks and praise, after which we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, Lord.**

**Santo, santo, santo,
mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir:
santo eres, Señor.**

The minister says the words of institution, finishing with these or similar words:

... we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

We sing (repeatedly):

**Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.**

The minister then continues the prayer, and we finish by saying together:

**Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

O God in heaven,

**Mother and Father of us all,
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.

Breaking the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:
through our brokenness, O God, make us whole.

Invitation

The minister invites all to receive Communion.

The Communion

As each person receives the bread and wine:

The body of Christ, the bread of life: **Amen**

The blood of Christ, the cup of blessing: **Amen**

Lamb of God

During the administration we sing (to the tune of Greensleeves):

**O Lamb of God, you take away our sin:
have mercy upon us. [x2]**

Jesus, you take away our sin:

O give us all your peace.

Jesus, you take away our sin:

Give peace for ever.

After receiving, anyone who wishes may go to receive prayer for healing and then return to the circle (or to their seat).

We remain standing around the altar until everyone has received communion, and then return to our seats. We wait in silence (or singing a suitable chant) until the prayers for healing are finished.

Prayer after Communion

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our Lenten journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
our liberator and our friend. Amen.**

Kids' Church and the adult congregation may share what they have been doing.

Final hymn

Take up your Cross

Jesus said: Take up your cross.

**We will follow you, O Christ,
into the needs of the world,
into the truth of our lives,
into the pain of our hearts,
into the presence of God. Amen.**

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of the God of Love,
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Notices

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.