



Common Prayer for Children & Families

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Vision Statement

To be a welcoming, inclusive Christian community growing in faith through worship, prayer, study, and social action.

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Our Mission Priority

Our mission priorities focus on seeking justice for people experiencing hunger, poverty, homelessness, and incarceration, as well as ending systemic inequalities of race, gender, sexual orientation, and disability.

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The First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021

Opening

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us gather in stillness and silence.

Pause for 10 seconds of silence.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures for ever

Hear the teaching of Christ:
A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Song

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.

The First Reading

Genesis 9:8–17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all

flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 1:9–15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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Thanks be to God.

Invitation

Take a moment of silence to reflect on the lessons.

Creed

I believe in God above,
I believe in Jesus’s love.
I believe in God’s Spirit too,
comes to tell me what to do.
I believe that I can be kind and good,
dear Lord, like Thee.

Prayers

God of Love, gather all people as one human family.
Guide our community, our country, and the world.
Help us to be kind to all people, creatures, and the earth.
Be with all people who are sad, in need, or any trouble.
May all who have died rest in peace.
For what else shall we pray?.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Closing

Let us bless our God.
To God be thanks forever.

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