

## Our Father

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**Reader:** Let us pray with the words that Jesus taught us...

**All: Our Father...**

## Closing Prayer

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**Reader:** O Lord, this is the day of salvation: through our Lenten penance and prayer, Lord grant us conversion of heart. May we be humble before You, and may You crown us with love and compassion. We have eaten of the same spiritual food and we have drunk of the same spiritual drink: may we be truly united in faith and Christian love.

**All: Amen**

—Author Unknown

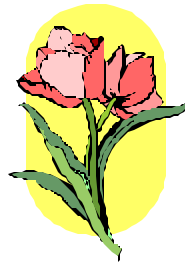


## Dismissal

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**Reader:** Strengthened and encouraged by the spirit of the Lenten liturgy we go to take up our daily tasks: we hallow this time by our daily prayer, by faith sharing, by acts of penance. We look towards the joy of Easter to sustain our communal and personal efforts for renewal.

—Author Unknown



*Lent is a time  
for  
renewal.*

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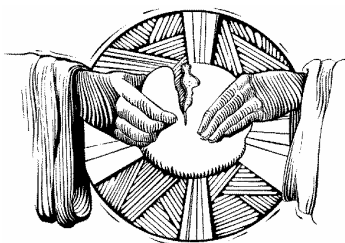


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## Introduction

Today we enter our Lenten journey. Disciplined by penance, strengthened by our spirituality, we come to know that Lent is a time of the Lord's favour, a time of conversion and growth. As a Christian community, we embrace that time, with a deep desire for conversion, a true longing for holiness, and a looking forward to the sacred days of Easter.



## Scripture Reading: John 4: 5-42

A reading from the Gospel  
according to St. John.

The Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God.



## Reflection

The Gospel asks us to consider our situation and experience—it reminds us to reflect on our history. This, we are told, enables us evaluate our position and the response we should make to the call of God in our lives. God's call endures, God perseveres—can we see that we are called to do likewise? We are invited to respond to God again and again, to repent our sins, never losing hope. We are invited to learn that fidelity to God, while not an armour against misfortune, is a guiding presence that sustains us as we struggle to be faithful to our baptismal commitments.

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## Prayers of the Faithful

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Reader:** For the whole Church of Christ— may Parishes everywhere, go out from their church buildings, reviving their Baptismal vows, to show love and compassion, for all the people they meet.

**Response**

**Reader:** For our community today— may we who share this Lenten celebration, put aside any complacency we have, and go out from here to consecrate the places we go to and to see Christ in the people we meet. **Response**

**Reader:** For those who are marginalized in our world—may they pursue their rights with hope, and be led by the Spirit of God, and may we all be watchful, lest we suppress others.

**Response**

**Reader:** For the weak in heart, mind or spirit—may they have strong hope in God, who shows compassion to those who are lowly and weak.

**Response**

**Reader:** For ourselves—let us renew our Lenten resolution to prepare for Easter and for the celebration of this year. **Response**

—Author Unknown