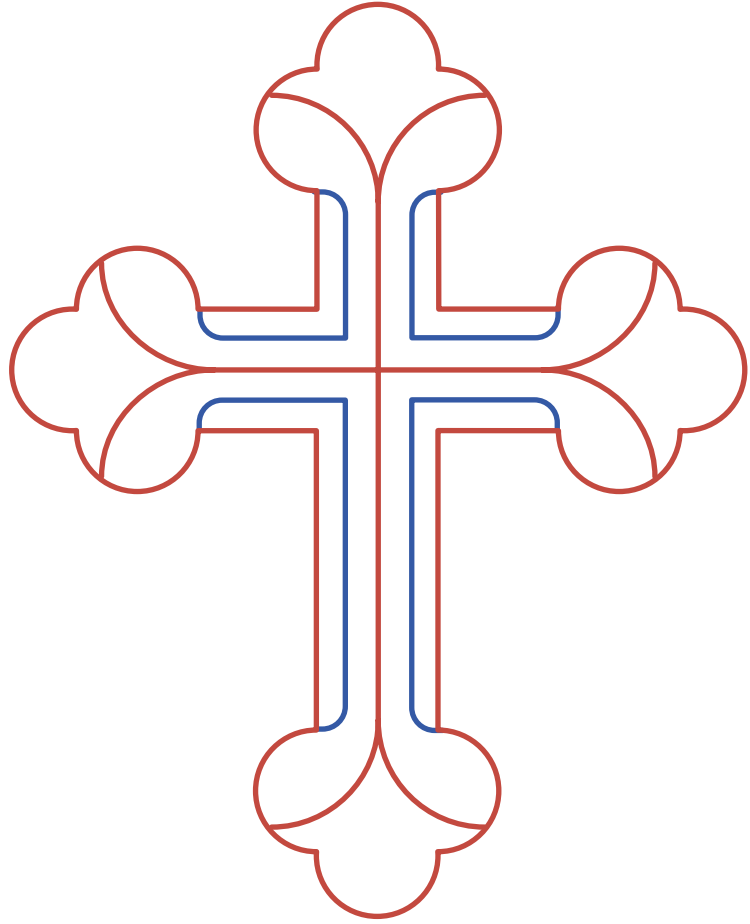


LENT ORDER OF SERVICE



DIVYA SHANTHI
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OPENING HYMN

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES:

God is light and there is no darkness at all in Him ... If we live in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus purifies us from every sin.

1 John 1: 5 – 7

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and faithful spirit in me.

Psalm 51: 10

LEADER:

In Lent, we are called to remember Christ's life on earth, His words, His actions, His ministry and His death and resurrection.

Thank you, God, for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ to become a human being like us, to share our life in the world as a baby, a child, a youth and as an adult.

RESPONSE:

We thank you, God.

LEADER:

For the example of Jesus' life, for His joy in serving others, for His compassion for those in need, for His actions of healing.

RESPONSE:

We thank you, God.

LEADER:

For the commitment to do the Father's will, for His complete trust in the Father.

RESPONSE:

We thank you, God.

LEADER:

For His suffering on the cross, for His death offered as sacrifice and in our place.

RESPONSE:

We thank you, God.

LEADER:

For His glorious resurrection and ascension, for His continuing prayers for His sitting at the right hand of the Father, for His gift of the Holy Spirit, and for the promise of His second coming.

RESPONSE:

We thank you, God.

PSALM (can be read responsively)

SCRIPTURE READING

TIME OF PRAISE AND PENITENCE IN SONGS AND PRAYERS

MESSAGE or group Bible Study

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION:

LEADER:

Lord, help us to see ourselves as You see us.

RESPONSE:

Save us from our blindness to our faults and sin.

LEADER:

Our consciences have been dull, our sense of responsibility weak.
We have not loved our neighbours as we should.

RESPONSE:

Forgive us and change us.

LEADER:

We are often selfish and greedy, jealous of others and proud.

RESPONSE:

Forgive us and change us.

LEADER:

We commit sin secretly, we give in to temptations and we go back to do the wrong that we have given up for some time.

RESPONSE:

Forgive us and change us.

LEADER:

We have valued material things as far more important than spiritual things.

RESPONSE:

Forgive us and change us.

LEADER:

We have not used the gifts You have given us in Your service as we should.

RESPONSE:

Forgive us and change us.

LEADER:

We have not responded to those in pain and suffering as we should.

RESPONSE:

Forgive us and change us. Strengthen our desire to live as Your children. Make us ashamed when we fail You. Please fill our lives with Your Holy Spirit. May Your Spirit cleanse us and transform us. Amen

SILENCE

AN ACT OF TRUST IN GOD:

ALL:

We commit ourselves to You. We hear Your promise to your people in your word. We claim those promises for ourselves as Your people. Please fulfill Your promises in our lives.

In the coming days as we face temptation, strengthen us, as we face failure – comfort us, as we experience success – give us Your joy, as we face evil – protect us; empower us to live and witness as Your children. For Jesus' sake. Amen

TIME FOR INTERCESSION – PRAYER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

ALL:

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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours Now and forever.

Amen

CLOSING HYMN BENEDICTION