

2 Peace will be our Lenten living
As we turn for home again,
Longing for the words of pardon
Stripping off old grief and pain,
Till we stand, restored and joyful,
With the Church on Easter day.

3 Truth will be our Lenten learning:
Hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion
Images and idols fall,
And, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.

Elizabeth J. Smith

Benediction

Sung Blessing

(tune *Abide with me*)

Go with us God, throughout this Christian life,
Be our protector, helper, friend and guide.
Give us your peace and keep us in your care;
Help us your love and grace with all to share.

Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out

Prayer to Ponder

*God our Creator, may our Lenten journey teach us not to fill the void of our incompleteness with material things, but to find hope in the brightness of your promises. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, Source of all life, and with Your holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.
Your holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.*

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Please stand as the Bible is carried in and remain standing to sing
Hymn No.462 verses 1, 3 & 4

Call to Worship

ALL: God is our refuge in times of trouble, keeping our feet steady upon the road, watching over us and keeping us from harm.

L: Where does our help come from?

**ALL: Our help comes from the lord, maker of heaven and earth! :
God is our fortress in times of distress, circling us in the safety of his arms, granting peace when our lives are not at ease.**

L: Where does our help come from?

ALL: Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth!

God is our Father who knows us so well, wanting only the best for his children, willing always to forgive and forget.

L: Where does our help come from?

ALL: Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth!

Prayer

Lighting the Lenten candle – Week One: Resistance

Notices & Sharing

For the children

Offering & Dedication

Hymn 'How deep the Father's love for us'

1, How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son

To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer: Praise and Thanksgiving - Confession
For others.

God of the heights and the depths, we bring to you those driven into the
desert, those suffering with difficult decisions.

MAY THEY CHOOSE LIFE.

God of the light and darkness, we bring to you those lost in the mist of
drugs or drink, those dazzled by the use of power

MAY THEY CHOOSE LIFE

God of the wild beast and the ministering angel, we bring to you those
savaged by others' greed, those exhausted by caring for others.

MAY THEY FEEL YOUR HEALING TOUCH.

Christ tempted and triumphant, we bring ourselves to you, tired of
difficult choices, anxious about the future, drained by the loss of a loved
one.

MAY WE FEEL YOUR HEALING TOUCH

May we feel your healing touch, know God's presence in all things and
receive the crown of life through the Holy Spirit of compassion.

Kate McIlhagga

Let us stand and say together the Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and Holy,

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us, You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure;

You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved

Your love to us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again,

You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your
gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal, you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13

Message

Prayer

Hymn "Love will be our Lenten calling" (tune 'Praise my soul')

- 1 Love will be our Lenten calling,
Love to shake and scatter sin,
Waking every closed, cold spirit,
Stirring new life deep within,
Till the quickened heart remembers
What our Easter birth can mean