

# Virtual Service for the Linton Team of Churches Lent

*Please join us in worshipping 'together' wherever you are on Sundays at 10 am. However, if you can't use this material then, you can of course use it at any other time. We suggest that you prepare a suitable space for worship and have available a candle to light at the beginning and some suitable music to play at the end during the 'Offering of ourselves to God'*

*If you are joining in this service as a group please designate one person as the leader reading the normal print with everyone joining in the text in bold type.*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. **Amen**

## **Candle Lighting**

*A candle may be lit as a focus for worship during the service using the following words*

Eternal Light shine in our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

## **A Hymn/Psalm may be sung or said**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A time of silence as we call to mind our sins and weaknesses, before we confess them to God.*

### **Confession**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us admit to God the sin that always confronts us

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy upon us according to your love.  
Wash us from our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy  
May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins  
and bring us to everlasting life Amen

**Collect**

**Readings**

**Reflection**

**Prayers of intercession**

*Please pray in the way that comes most naturally to you, either in silence or out loud we end with the Lord's Prayer*

**Traditional**

**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,  
the power and the glory, for  
ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Modern**

**Our Father in heaven,  
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.**

# Thanksgiving

We thank you, O God,  
for you are gracious.  
You have loved us from the beginning of time  
and you remember us in times of trouble and of joy.  
**Your mercy endures for ever.**

We thank you, O God,  
for you came to us in Jesus Christ,  
who has redeemed the world  
and saves us from our sins.  
**Your mercy endures for ever.**

We thank you, O God,  
for you have sent your Holy Spirit,  
who comforts us and leads us into all truth.  
**Your mercy endures for ever. Amen**

## A Hymn/Psalm may be sung or said

### Offering ourselves to God

*One or more of the following may be used led by President*

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

*After the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

**God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.**

*Book of Hours*

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

*From St Patrick's Breastplate*

**Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labour and not to seek for any reward,  
save that of knowing that we do your will.**

*After Ignatius of Loyola (1556)*

## **Music**

*A suitable piece of music may be played to enable reflection on the offering we are making*

## **Blessing**

May Christ give us grace to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst us and remain with us always. **Amen**

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