

LENT

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER

Celebrant:

Brothers and sisters, Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us meditate on His death and resurrection, knowing that we who have conformed ourselves to the death of Christ in Baptism, will find ourselves lifted up at the resurrection of the dead.

Reading

Joel 2:12-13

Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God, for
he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

Intercessions

The Lord of Mercy beckons us to follow Him. To Him we address our prayers.

R. Lord, have mercy

Lord in the desert you hungered and thirsted. May those who lack find plenty in you. R.

Lord, you endured the temptation of the devil. May those who are tempted find strength to follow you. R.

Lord, you were betrayed by your beloved companion. May those who have lost love never fall into bitterness. R.

Lord, your flesh was scourged at the command of Pilate. May those who are imprisoned find freedom in you. R.

Lord, you gave up your breath on the cross. May those who share in your suffering and death attain the glory of the resurrection. R.

At the Saviour's command... or Our Father...