



## *Reston Parish Church*

# Service of the Word During Lent

### Greeting

The Lord, our redeemer be with you. **And also with you.**

### 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.**

### Hymn

#### Call to Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this;  
'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
Therefore, let us now confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We cry to you to take away our guilt and to cleanse our lips to  
tell your story of love and forgiveness.  
Help us to live each day,  
in the light of Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen.**

#### Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
heal and strengthen you for the day of resurrection,  
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## The Collect

## Bible Readings

Sermon *(Afterwards a worship Song is played on CD)*



## The Creed

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Intercessions

### The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us.

**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 forever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May God who clothes the lilies of the field, feeds the birds of the sky;  
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,  
change us to reflect the glory of our Creator;  
and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be with you, and remain with you, and those you love,  
now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

The Creator of all go with us, the light of the world remain in us,  
that we may bring Christ's story of love into the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

