

Service of the Word



**Ringstone in Aveland
Group of Parishes**

**Lent
In Penitence and Faith**



Preparation

The Greeting

The Lord our redeemer be with you
and also with you.

All

Further words of welcome and introduction may be said.

Opening Prayer

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.

All

Amen

The Beatitudes

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Silence is kept

Prayer of Preparation

All **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.



The Word

Reading(s)

At the end of each reading, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

This psalm is used between the readings

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord.

Let your ears be open to hear my voice.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

If you recorded all our sins
who could come before you?

All **My hope is in God's word.**

There is forgiveness with you:
therefore you shall be feared.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

My soul is longing for the Lord,
more than those who watch for daybreak.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

Reflection

Confession and Forgiveness

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.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Agnus Dei

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,

though we have rebelled against him.
Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Wash away all my iniquity

All and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only have I sinned

All and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God

All and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy.

The president declares God's forgiveness in these or other authorized words

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All Amen

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.



Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

All Lord, meet us in the silence
and hear our prayer.

The Collect



Conclusion

Affirmation of Faith

All Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.
**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

Final Prayer

God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled your people to yourself.
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**