

Come and See Week 4

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Opening Music

Love Divine

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Let us Pray

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
**so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever. Amen**

Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying

**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.

Beginning to talk

Any reflections from our journey through the Lord's Prayer so far?

Video – Bishop Steven - <https://youtu.be/hIMbIBrSpHQ>

Our Lent Conversation

Did anything energise you in +Steven's video?

Did it raise any questions?

What is your reaction when you hear the word 'sin'?

Is it a mystery of being human that we make mistakes?

Why is forgiveness hard?

How is 'Temptation' different from 'Sin'?

Does God tempt us? The prayer asks for God to **not** do something. Could you rephrase it as asking God **to** do something?

What is 'Evil'?

Ignatian Examen – reflecting on the traumatic recent past

1. Ask God for Light – to see clearly, what is not just what seems
2. Give thanks – the times we live in are a gift from God
3. Review – look back over what has happened, guided by the Holy Spirit
4. Face your shortcomings – what you've done and who you are
5. Look forward – and ask God to be with us tomorrow

Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**
- 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 5 Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**
- 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**
- 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
- 11 Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.**
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**
- 15 Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.**
- 17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you,
God, will not despise.**

Reading – Colossians 3:12-15

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Silence is kept

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your mercy defend us from the perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.