

Introduction

O Lord open our lips;

and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

O God, you are my God; in the morning and in the evening eagerly I seek you.

Psalm 63:1

Seeking wholeness

The Lord says:

I will gather you from every country, and bring you home to your own land.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

I will pour clean water over you and cleanse you from your idols.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

A new heart I will give you, and put a new spirit within you.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

I will take from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

I will put my spirit within you and make you walk in my ways and observe my decrees.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

You will be my people, and I will be your God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

(from Ezekiel 36 & Ps 51)

Reading from Sanctuary for Lent

A time for silent reflection

The Steadfast Love of the Lord from The New Zealand Prayer Book)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:

God's mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning:

your faithfulness O Lord is great.

You are all that I have:

and therefore I will wait for you.
You O Lord are good to those who wait for you:
to all those who seek you.
It is good to wait in patience:
for the salvation of the Lord.

Lamentations 3:22–26

Create in my a clean heart O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.

Collect

Lent Litany

Let us pray:

Holy God

we come before you.

By the prayers of the whole company of heaven

draw us to yourself

As you, called Mary to be the Mother of the Lord

sanctify our wills

As you were glorified in St Ninian, bringer of good tidings

lighten our darkness

As you empowered St Columba, apostle of our land.

give us your grace.

As you gave courage to St Aidan and his companions.

strengthen our weakness.

As you received the worship of St Kentigern, Mungo, the loved one.

deepen our love.

As you advanced your kingdom through the work of St Margaret, mother
and queen.

fill us with zeal.

As you build up your church by the witness and prayers of St Andrew the
Apostle.

renew us in faith.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

Hear us, good Lord.

Guide the leaders of nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, good Lord.

Endue our Parliaments and all ministers of the Crown with wisdom and understanding.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all.

Hear us, good Lord.

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

Lord, have mercy.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in danger.

Lord, have mercy.

Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Lord, have mercy.

Comfort those who are currently living with CoVid-19 virus assailing their bodies.

Lord, have mercy.

Strengthen those working to end the pandemic and those working through the pandemic.

Lord, have mercy.

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all those who are in trouble.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, have mercy.

Holy God, hear us as we pray that prayer your Son 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.

Do not bring us to the time of trial,

but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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Closing Prayer

God most holy, we give you thanks for bringing us out of the shadow of night into the light of morning; and we ask you for the joy of spending this day in your service, so that when evening comes, we may once more give you thanks, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.