

# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY LENT

## Call to Worship

P: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus.

**C: We are new creations; the old is gone, the new has come!**

P: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**C: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**

P: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

**C: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, and renewed! Amen!**

## Confession

P: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, trusting that God will forgive our sin and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

(Based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16; 1 John 1:8)

Let us confess our sins to almighty God

**ALL: God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal**

**what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.**

## Assurance | Absolution

P: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.  
(based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20).

## Psalm

Psalm 142

## Prayer

## Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

## Profession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering

**Sermon** *John 9:1-7*  
*Who sinned... that he was born blind?*

## Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

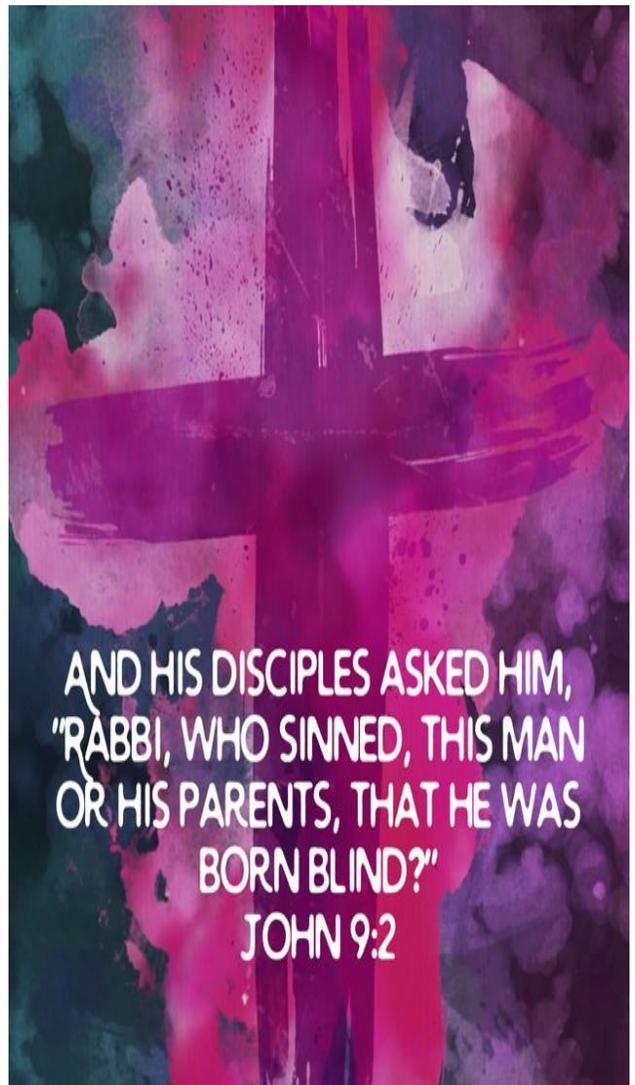
### Doxology

*Praise God from whom all  
blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures  
here below.  
Praise him above  
ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.*

## Benediction

### Going Forth

P: The worship is over.  
**C: Let the service begin!**



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