

# Evening Prayer For Lent 2022

## “Justice”

March 9 – Life  
March 16 – Marriage  
March 23 – Race  
March 30 – Poverty  
April 6 - Creation

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Harlan, Iowa

### Gathering Hymn:

March 9	“Our Father, We Have Wandered”	WOV 733
March 16	“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling”	WOV 734
March 23	“There Is a Balm in Gilead”	WOV 737
March 30	“In All Our Grief”	WOV 739
April 6	“The Church of Christ in Ev’ry Age”	LBW 433

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*Our Lord Jesus says, "If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins."*

**Heavenly Father, I hereby forgive anyone who has sinned against me; whether against my body, property, honor, or spirit; whether accidentally or willfully, carelessly or purposely; whether through speech, deed, or thought. Lord, do not hold this sin against them on my account.**

*Return to the Lord your God for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us confess to God and one another our sins which we think are small but which make us fall far short of the glory of God for which we were created.*

*Merciful God, we take your amazing grace for granted.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*We use prayer as a last resort rather than a first response.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*We fail to treasure Your Word in our hearts and obey it.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*In moments of frustration we speak harsh words to others.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*We lack compassion for the poor and passion for justice.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*We share in gossip about others as if we were perfect.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*We are addicted to things and habits that rob us of life and love for others.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*We excuse ourselves by our intentions while judging others by their actions.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*We have sins we are afraid to name and sins we are not even aware of.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Merciful God,*

**I confess that I am a sinner who deserves Your judgment. My only hope is Christ Jesus my Lord who died and was raised for me. For his sake grant me Your gifts of forgiveness and repentance.**

*God so loved you that God gave His only Son so that you might believe in him and not perish but have eternal life. In the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: “We Are Called”** by David Haas © 1988 GIA Publications, Inc.

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

**We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
so hatred and blindness will be no more! **(refrain)**

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love. **(refrain)**

### **The Prayers**

*Each petition concludes: “Lord, in Your mercy...”*

*The congregation responds: “Hear our prayer.”*

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **The Scriptures**

March 9	Psalm 139:13-16, Luke 18:15-17
March 16	Genesis 2:18-25, Ephesians 5:1-4, 21-33, Matt. 19:3-14
March 23	Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 10:25-37
March 30	Leviticus 25:35-43, Luke 10:25-37
April 6	Genesis 1:26-31, Luke 12:22-31

## **Hymn: “Bring Forth the Kingdom”**

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You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the Kingdom of God!

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace.  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God.**

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the Kingdom of God!

We are a blest and pilgrim people: bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the Kingdom of God!

### **Message**

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### **Evening Hymn**

March 9	“The Day You Gave Us”	LBW 274
March 16	“All Praise to Thee, My God”	LBW 278
March 23	“Now the Day Is Over”	LBW 280
March 30	“God Who Made the Earth”	LBW 281
April 6	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	WOV 731

*The Lord Almighty order our days and our deeds in His peace. Amen.*