

Eucharistic Prayers for Lent, Year A

These brief eucharistic prayers are drawn from the themes and images of the lectionary texts for the first five Sundays in Lent, Year A. Note that there are five options in each of the three sections that make up the body of the prayer; these are to be used as indicated on the appropriate Sunday in Lent. This way of structuring the prayer is especially effective and appropriate for congregations celebrating the Lord's Supper each Sunday in Lent.

In this format, the Words of Institution should be used at the Invitation to the Table or the Breaking of the Bread.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

(Lent 1) You planted us in an abundant garden, full of good fruit to eat.
Even when we disobeyed your word, taking fruit from the tree of knowledge,
you loved us still, covering our nakedness and forgiving our sin. (Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7)

(Lent 2) You made a covenant with our ancestor Abraham,
promising to make of him a great nation,
and a blessing to all the families of the earth. (Gen. 12:1-4a)

(Lent 3) Even in the wilderness of sin you guide our way.
Though we quarrel with one another and question your promises,
you satisfy our thirst with water from a stone. (Exodus 17:1-7)

(Lent 4) You are our shepherd; there is nothing we lack.
You prepare a table before us, even in the presence of our enemies.
You anoint our heads with oil; the cup of blessing overflows. (1 Sam. 16:1-13; Psa. 23)

(Lent 5) From the valley of dry bones you raise us up,
giving us the flesh of your Word and the breath of your Spirit.
You open our graves and set our feet in the land of the living. (Ezek. 37:1-14)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

(Lent 1) Tested for forty days in the wilderness, Jesus taught us
to seek nourishment in your word, to worship and serve you alone,
and to commit our lives to your providence and protection. (Matt. 4:1-11)

(Lent 2) Out of your great love for the world, you sent Jesus, not to condemn, but to save, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but have eternal life, born again from above by water and the Spirit. (John 3:1-17)

(Lent 3) Jesus offers living water for our thirst, a wellspring gushing up to eternal life. We believe that he is the Messiah, the Savior of the world, and we seek to worship him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:5-42)

(Lent 4) Jesus is the light of the world, dispelling darkness and uncovering what is hidden. He has the authority to judge, the grace to forgive, and the power to heal and set free. Since the world began who has seen such things? (John 9:1-41)

(Lent 5) Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in him, even though they die, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in him will never die. (John 11:1-45)

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and one with your church in all the world.

(Lent 1) Give us the free and abundant gift of your grace, so that sin and death may have no dominion over us, but we might have forgiveness and fullness of life in Christ Jesus. (Rom. 5:12-19)

(Lent 2) By faith, make us children of Abraham, justified by the righteousness and grace of Christ, so that we may share the blessings of your covenant people. (Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17)

(Lent 3) In our suffering, give us the strength to endure; through our endurance, build in us the character of faith; and by the gift of faith, fill our hearts with a hope that will never disappoint us. (Rom. 5:1-11)

(Lent 4) Help us to live as children of light, always seeking what is good and right and pleasing to you. Wake the dead from their sleep, to rise and shine with the light of Christ. (Eph. 5:8-14)

(Lent 5) Set our minds on your Holy Spirit, in whom we find our life and peace. Let the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwell in us always, giving life to our mortal bodies and light to our souls. (Rom. 8:6-11)

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**