

St George's Pontesbury
An Order of Service for the Sundays before
Lent.

[A way to use the resources on the Bulletin.
Our Holy Communion Service Books
and Angela Ashwin's "Woven Into Prayer"]

Use whatever sections are helpful.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn.

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

[Psalm 118:24].

Confession:

Jesus says, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

[Matthew 4:17].

O King enthroned on high, filling your earth with your glory:

Holy is your name, Lord God almighty.

In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word.

In your mercy forgive us. Lord, hear us and help us.

The Collect.

Readings 1 and 2.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn.

Gospel Reading.

Either:

Alleluia, alleluia. Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Biblical Reflections.

Hymn.

Intercessions.

A Creed.

**We believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all life, the one for who we exist.
We believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again.
We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ
known to the world.
This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn.

**Greetings to God the Father present in all the earth,
and in the heavens, and beyond the heavens.
Greetings to the Son, Lord of hope,
rising like the dawn in our hearts.
Greetings to the Spirit, power of flame, giver of peace.
May your peace and power be diffused and known among
all people.
And may the love of the saints and the glory of the
angels inspire us in your church and fill us with
unquenchable hope.**

[Source Unknown].

The Lord's Prayer.

Either:

**Jesus, Son of God, let your love shine through our eyes,
your Spirit inspire our words, your wisdom fill our minds,
your mercy control our hands, your will capture our
hearts, your joy pervade our being;
until we are changed into your likeness from glory to
glory.**

[Michael Perry].

Or:

**God, grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can
and the wisdom to know the difference.**

[Reinhold Niebuhr 1892-1971].

Hymn.

**Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits you have given me,
For all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know You more clearly,
Love You more dearly,
Follow You more nearly. Amen.**

[St Richard of Chichester 1197-1253].

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.
Amen.**