

**Leader Guide Template**  
**Thursday Service of the Word--Lent**


**INTRODUCTION (optional):** *<Name>*

**GREETING -** *<Name>*


**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**  
And also with you.

**KYRIE -** *<Name>*


*The assembly stands*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY -** *<Name>*

*The Prayer of the Day is the same as the one for the following Sunday. These can be found in ELW beginning on p.18. Locate the entry for the Sunday associated with your lectionary week and use the prayer in the second column. Be sure to use the prayer for the correct lectionary year.*

*Before the prayer, say:*

**Let us pray.**

*At the conclusion of the prayer, the assembly responds:*

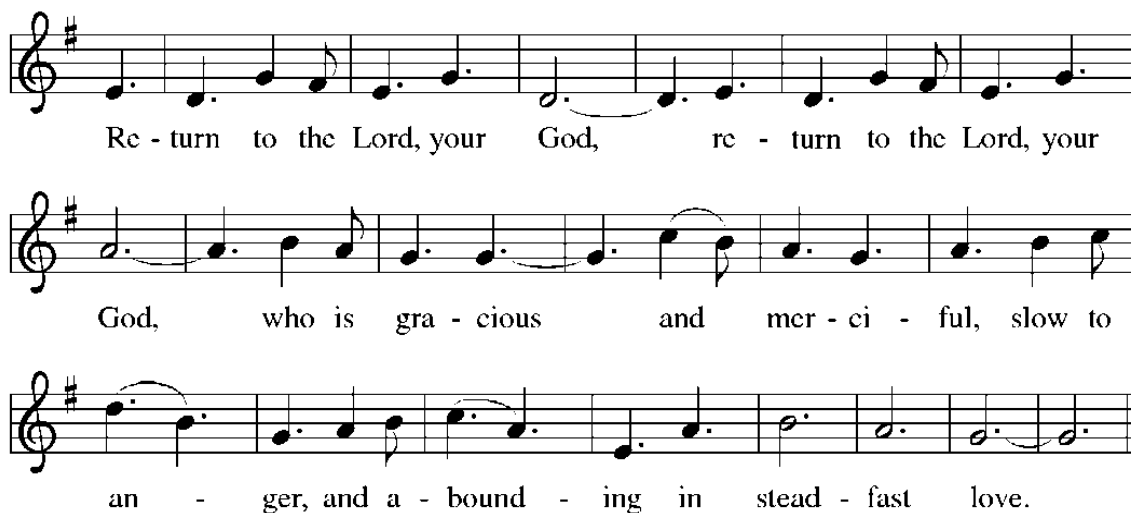
Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

**PSALM:** *<Psalm (and verses, if appropriate)> - <Name>*

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your  
God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to  
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**The holy gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_.**

Glory to you, O Lord.

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

**The gospel of the Lord.**

Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON - <Name>**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: <Number, Title>**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - <Name>**

**With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. (or similar introduction...)**

*A brief silence.*

*The prayers crafted by the worship leader for the day are read. Each portion of the prayers ends with:*

**Lord, in your mercy,**

hear our prayer.

**OR**

**...let us pray.**

Have mercy, O God.

**OR**

**Hear us, O God.**

Your mercy is great.

*In lieu of an original concluding prayer within the Prayers of Intercession prepared by the worship*

*leader, use the following prayer.*

**CONCLUDING PRAYER - <Name>**

**O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.**

Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER (select Ecumenical or Traditional) <Name>**

***Ecumenical***

"Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

***Traditional***

"Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray..."

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.**

Amen.

***OR***

**The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.**

Amen.

*OR*

**The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.**

Amen.

**The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

**The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.**

Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

*OR*

**Go in peace. Remember the poor.**

Thanks be to God.

*OR*

**Go in peace. Share the good news.**

Thanks be to God.

*OR*

**Go in peace. Christ is with you.**

Thanks be to God.