



# Exodus Liturgical Resources

## Week Four

## Exodus 32:1-20

### Opening Sentence

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.  
*Matt 7:21*

### Penitence

God has set us free to be his people today. Let us say sorry to him for the ways in which we have used his gifts to us for harm instead of for good:

Lord God, you have set us free to be your people,  
But we often forget that all we have is a gift from you.

**Loving Father, we are sorry.**

We do not trust you to give us what we need.

**Loving Father, we are sorry.**

We love your gifts more than we love you.

Loving Father, we are sorry.  
We are envious of other people.

**Loving Father, we are sorry.**

We use your gifts to make ourselves  
seem more important than others.

**Loving Father, we are sorry.**

We care more for what we can get than for what we can give.

**Loving Father, we are sorry.**

We think only of those close to us  
and forget the others you ask us to love.

**Loving Father, we are sorry.**

*In an all age service give each member a simple outline of a calf shape on a piece of A5 paper. Either before or after the prayer, invite everyone to write or draw on the calf shape to indicate ways in which they have used God's gifts wrongly. The paper is then followed and brought or passed to the front where it is placed in a bin. Someone could read Psalm 103 affirming God's love and forgiveness as this is done. .*

### Collect

Generous God,  
we know that all that we have is yours:  
save us from the delusion  
of believing it is ours;  
save us from our possessiveness,  
that your grace may abound  
in all things at all times;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Lambeth Prayers (ACC/SPCK 1998)*

### Intercessions

Intercessions can be constructed around the Advertising Africa activity in the Week 4 [Warming Up, Warming Down](#) resource.

The Contemporary English Version translation of the Lord's Prayer (Matt 6:9-13) could be read slowly and thoughtfully by a single person to end the intercessions.

'Our Father in heaven  
Help us to honour your name.  
Come and set up your kingdom,  
so that everyone on earth will obey you,  
As you are obeyed in heaven.  
Give us our food for today.  
Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others.  
Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.'

### Offertory

Lord Jesus, in bringing this gift of money  
we offer our grateful thanks,  
for all that we have comes from you;  
in receiving these gifts of bread and wine  
we long to be filled with the richness of your life and love.  
In our giving and receiving this day  
grant that we might know your grace and be renewed in  
generosity.

### Post communion prayer

Lord, you have entrusted us  
with the fullness of all that you have given  
and empowered us with the presence of your Holy Spirit:  
grant to us joy in our stewardship,  
generosity in our giving,  
trust in your promises,  
and confidence in Christ when our deeds are judged;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Blessing

May Christ who for our sake became poor  
make you rich in everything –  
in faith, speech, knowledge and love.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
And the blessing of God Almighty ....

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