

the Bread where the rubric indicates that "a *period of silence is kept.*" The Fraction Anthem, after the silence should be of sufficient length to allow for preparation of the bread and wine needed for the communion of the people which follows.

When the Liturgy begins with the Great Litany, the Prayers of the People & the Penitential Order may be omitted.

Prayers of the People - Lent 1-B

As heirs of God's covenant and called to share Christ's victory over temptation, let us offer our prayers to God saying: ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the Church, and especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our bishop, the Diocese of Northwestern PA, and for, that we may be led by the Spirit to a fuller living of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For this parish family, that we who are one with Jesus may experience the Lenten wilderness as a place of testing and triumph, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For peace, that God will strengthen the resolve of those working for peace, that they may be guided along new paths of dialogue and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For each of us as we embark on the journey of Lent, that we will allow God to turn our hearts and enable us to put the mind of Christ in all we do, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For all those recovering from storms and snowfall, the hungry and the homeless, and those in need of our prayers, remembering especially that they may know the compassion and love of Christ's healing touch, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who have died, remembering especially that having been baptized into Christ's death, they may share in the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant: *Blessed are you, O God, who set your bow in the clouds as a sign of your covenant and brought us through the wilderness. Hear our prayers for all people, and bring us through these forty days to the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN.*