

O Lord, the clouds are gathering the fire of judgment burns
How we have fallen!
O Lord, you stand appalled to see your laws of love so scorned
And lives so broken

*Have mercy, Lord,
Have mercy, Lord, (Echo)
Forgive us, Lord,
Forgive us, Lord (Echo)
Restore us, Lord Revive your church again
Let justice flow
Let justice flow (Echo)
Like rivers
Like rivers (Echo)
And righteousness like a never failing stream*

O Lord, over the nations now where is the dove of peace?
Her wings are broken
O Lord, while precious children starve the tools of war increase;
Their bread is stolen

Have mercy....

O Lord, dark powers are poised to flood our streets with hate and
fear;

We must awaken!

O Lord, let love reclaim the lives That sin would sweep away
And let your kingdom come

Have mercy..

Yet O Lord, your glorious cross shall tower triumphant in this land
Evil confounding;
Through the fire your suffering church display the glories of her
Christ
Praises resounding!

Have mercy...

Small Group Material Lent 2019

Learning from Jesus 3

Our Repentance Luke 13.1–9

Recognising the universal need for our personal repentance for
salvation



Welcome

You may like to take the opportunity, for those who wish to, to share
progress with any things you have either 'given up' or 'taken up' for
Lent.

Worship

Meditate on Amos 5:24 Isaiah 30:18-19 Psalm 33:4-5

O Lord, The Clouds are gathering

Word

Read Luke 13: 1-9

Questions

1. On first reading of this passage is there any verse that particularly stands out for you
 - a. in verses 1-5
 - b. in the parable verses 6-9
2. Trace the connection of thought between vv1-5 and the parable of vv 6-9. In the light of the parable, what is meant by "repent"? cf 3.8a
3. Who do you think the vineyard owner might represent in this story? And the gardener? Explain.
4. How can justice and mercy co-exist?
5. How do you react to the messages of the need for repentance, and the concept of judgement? How might you explain these, and "salvation" in simple terms to someone exploring the Christian faith?
6. Is there a connection between repentance and fruitfulness?

7. What encouragement do you find in this passage?



Witness (and during the week)

Focus on The Lord's Prayer, especially those verses which link in to our texts:-

Your Kingdom Come.

For yours is the Kingdom the power and the glory

Continue to pray for conversations which will lead to opportunities to invite people to services, groups or other occasions as we prepare through Lent for Easter. Pray for and encourage those who you may already have spoken with.
