

# The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday



## ¶ The Gathering

### The Greeting

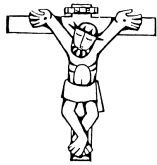
*The president greets the people*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All and also with you.

### Introduction

*The president explains the meaning of Lent and invites us to observe it faithfully*



*We say the Trisagon together*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

### The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer*

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.....

All Amen.

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 51.1-18*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; \* according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness \* and cleanse me from my sin.

- 3 For I acknowledge my faults \* and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \* and done what is evil in your sight, So that you are justified in your sentence \* and righteous in your judgement.
- 5 I have been wicked even from my birth, \* a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6 Behold, you desire truth deep within me \* and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; \* wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 9 Turn your face from my sins \* and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 10 Make me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence \* and take not your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Give me again the joy of your salvation \* and sustain me with your gracious spirit;
- 13 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked \* and sinners shall return to you.
- 14 Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, \* and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips \* and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 16 For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it; \* you take no delight in burnt offerings.
- 17 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; \* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

### Second Reading

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

### Hymn

### Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N...

All Glory to you, O Lord.

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



## ¶ The Liturgy of Penitence

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

All God the Father,  
have mercy on us.

All God the Son,  
have mercy on us.

All God the Holy Spirit,  
have mercy on us.

All Trinity of love,  
have mercy on us.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

All We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.  
Lord, have mercy.

All We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

All We confess to you, Lord ... all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives.  
Lord, have mercy.

All Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.  
Lord, have mercy.

All Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.  
Lord, have mercy.

All Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work.  
Lord, have mercy.

All Our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.  
Lord, have mercy.

All Accept our repentance, Lord ... for the wrongs we have done, for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

HAVE MERCY  
ON US LORD



For all false judgements,  
for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours  
and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who  
differ from us.

**All** **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

**All** **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.  
**Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

**All**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show your glory in the world.**

**All**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy  
of his resurrection.**

**All**

*Silence is kept.*

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we  
shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

**All**

## The Imposition of Ashes

*The president invites us to receive  
the ashes on our foreheads as a sign  
of our spirit of repentance.*

*At the imposition of the ashes  
the minister says to each person*



Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.  
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

*At the end the president says a prayer.*

## † The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**All**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### Preparation of the Table

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.  
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

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## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**All**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

**All**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**All**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts  
and all respond*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**All**

*The prayer continues and includes  
one of the following acclamations*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

**All**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the Doxology,  
to which all respond*

**All** **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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.  
Lead us not into  
temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
are yours now  
and for ever. Amen.**

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## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**All**

## Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the  
world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All**

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

**All**

**God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the  
bread of heaven. Refresh and sustain us as we go  
forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

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## The Dismissal Responsory

This is love, not that we loved God,  
**but that he loved us and sent his Son.**  
He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
**that we might live through him.**  
If God loves us so much  
**we ought to love one another.**  
If we love one another  
**God lives in us.**

## The Dismissal Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**All**

*At the end the reader says*

**All**

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

## Blessing

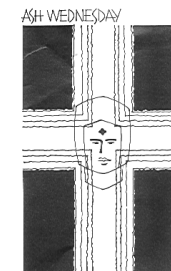
**All**

**Amen.**

*A minister says*

**All**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



**Please do not take this order of service away with you**