

The Eucharist

Ash Wednesday



Welcome

There may be a **HYMN**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

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

All **And also with you.**

The President introduces the service. All respond:

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

The Collect

The President says the Collect, to which all respond:

All: **Amen.**

First Reading

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

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

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily

The Liturgy of Penitence

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

God the Father,

All: **have mercy upon us.**

God the Son,

All: **have mercy upon us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

All: **have mercy upon us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

All: **have mercy upon us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent,

All: **good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

All: **good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,

All: **good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

All: **good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; and by your preaching of the kingdom,

All: **good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; and by your precious death and burial,

All: **good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by the sending of the Holy Spirit,

All: **good Lord, deliver us.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

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

Silence is kept

Make our hearts clean, O God;

All: **and renew a right spirit within us.**

All: **Father eternal, giver of light and grace, We have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

The Imposition of Ashes

The President invites us to receive the Imposition of Ashes and prays. All respond:

All: **Amen**

We receive the imposition of ashes with the following words:

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

The President says a prayer. All respond:

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

There may be a **HYMN**

Preparation of the Table

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The President continues until...

Choir: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed is he, O blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues until...

Christ is the bread of life:

All: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

The President continues...and ends:

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

All: **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

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Agnus Dei

Choir: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All: **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

The President and people receive communion.

There may be a **HYMN** or an **ANTHEM**

Prayers after Communion

The President says the Post-Communion Prayer. All respond:

All: **Amen.**

All: **Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

The Dismissal

The President says the Blessing:

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart.

All: **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds.

All: **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace.

All: **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Go in love and peace to serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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