

Ash Wednesday – February 17, 2021

Gathering of Community

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Joel 2.1–2, 12–17

Matthew 6.1–6, 16–21

Reflection

Invitation, Confession and Sign of Ashes

Invitation to a Holy Lent

Psalm 51:1-18 (Together)

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offences. Wash me through and through from
my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgement.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand
wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
I shall teach your ways to the wicked, * and sinners shall return to you.
Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, * but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Litany of Penitence

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you, to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

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.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

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.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

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,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Almighty God,
from the dust of the earth you have created us.

May these ashes be for us a sign
of our mortality and penitence,
and a reminder that only by your gracious gift
are we given eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Symbolic Imposition of Ashes

Accomplish in us, O God,
the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Hymn

Eucharist and Spiritual Communion

Prayer over the gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth...
Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love...

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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 Bread

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.
Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever
and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.