

Ash Wednesday Eucharist

Welcome

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

Amen.

The Lord is here

ALL: His Spirit is with us

God's people have been called to
gather:

ALL: All are welcome

God's people have been called to
repent:

ALL: All are welcome

God's people have been called to be
reconciled to him:

ALL: All are welcome

Hymn

Collect

Holy God,
our lives are laid open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your Son
bring us healing and make us whole
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bible reading

Gospel

Homily/Meditation

Call to reconciliation

God begs us to turn from those words,
those acts, those obstacles which keep
us from being his people. As we begin
our Lenten journey, I invite you to join
me, with words and in silence, as we
bring our brokenness to God, who
desires to make us whole:

**ALL: Loving God, for too long we
travelled our own ways,**

for too long have sought to satisfy our
hidden desires.

**We have trusted the falsehoods of the
world,
and relied on that power which would
consume our souls.**

**We have sought healing from
imposters,
and rejected the one who was broken
for our wholeness.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord,
whose love overflows our deepest
hopes.**

**Let our hearts be a sanctuary to your
Spirit;
let our lives abound in service to
others;
let our spirits reflect the one we call
our
Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silence...

Marking ourselves with the sign of the
cross

*In the absence of ash this year, I invite
you to make the sign of the cross on
your forehead as we say:*

**ALL: Remember that we are dust,
and to dust we shall return.
Let us turn away from sin and be
faithful to Christ.**

Assurance of pardon

God lets go of the punishment we
deserve
and gives us mercy in its place.
Willingly, God puts a new spirit into us:
the spirit of hope and joy.

**ALL: We will sing to the one who has
delivered us from our sins.
We will praise God with cleansed
hearts.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All: and also with you.

Prayers at the preparation of the table

**ALL: Let us come to this table,
to see the light God offers to our
darkness;
to find the path God calls us to walk;
to discover God waiting to help us,
even before we say a word.
Amen.**

People of God, the Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you

People of dust, lift up your hearts to God.

**ALL: We lift them to the one who
created us**

People of ashes, give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: Praise and thanks are offered to
the one who restores us to life**

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels and sing:

**ALL: 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.

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for
you.

Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of
wine.

He thanked you, and gave it to them,
saying:

Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and
resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his
blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you,
Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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 choir will sing the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God):

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

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

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

Post-Communion Prayers

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son to be for us
both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace

that we may always most thankfully
receive
these his inestimable gifts,
and also daily endeavour
to follow the blessed steps of his most
holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This is love, not that we loved God,
**ALL: but that he loved us and sent his
Son.**

He is the sacrifice for our sins,
ALL: that we might live through him.

If God loves us so much
ALL: we ought to love one another.

If we love one another
ALL: God lives in us.
Blessing & Dismissal

Christ give you grace to grow in
holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,
and follow him;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you
always.
Amen.

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

Hymn

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