

*Ash Wednesday*



*Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*

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## SILENT PROCESSION

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*People* And also with you

*Celebrant* Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

1 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near— 2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. 12 Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 13 rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. 14 Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. 17 Between the vestibule

and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make  
your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations.  
Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their  
God?'

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*People* Thanks be to God

*Silence may follow.*

### **PSALM: Psalm 103**

*Remain seated.*

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, \*

so does the Lord care for those who fear him.  
14For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.  
15Our days are like the grass; \*  
we flourish like a flower of the field;  
16When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \*  
and its place shall know it no more.  
17But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever  
on those who fear him, \*  
and his righteousness on children's children;  
18On those who keep his covenant \*  
and remember his commandments and do them.  
19The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.  
20Bless the Lord, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.  
21Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.  
22Bless the Lord, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the Lord, O my soul.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

20bWe entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

21For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6:1As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! 3We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,

5beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;  
6by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit,  
genuine love, 7truthful speech, and the power of God; with the  
weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8in  
honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated  
as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet are well  
known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet  
not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet  
making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing  
everything.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Eternal Lord of love, behold your  
Church (Old 124th) (H 149)*

*All stand.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to Matthew

*People* Glory to you Lord Christ

[Jesus said,] 1“Beware of practicing your piety before others in  
order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from  
your Father in heaven.

2“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before  
you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so  
that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have  
received their reward. 3But when you give alms, do not let your  
left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4so that your alms  
may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will  
reward you.

5“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for  
they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street  
corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you,  
they have received their reward. 6But whenever you pray, go  
into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is  
in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

16“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ

## **THE SERMON (BCP p. 264)**

### **LENTEN INVITATION (BCP p. 264)**

*After the Sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant or Minister appointed invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying*

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading

and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.*

### **BLESSING OF THE ASHES (BCP p. 264)**

*If ashes are to be imposed, the Celebrant says the following prayer*

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES (BCP p. 265)**

*The ashes are imposed with the following words*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

### **PSALM 51 (BCP p. 266)**

*Miserere mei, Deus*

### **LITANY OF PENITENCE (BCP p. 267)**

*The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling*

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors 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 judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, 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;

*Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.*

Accomplish in us 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.*

*Celebrant stands and facing the people, says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.....

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

*Amen.*

## **PEACE (BCP p. 269)**

*The Peace is now exchanged*

## **The Holy Communion**

*(About receiving the sacraments:*

*All Baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of the Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are visiting an Anglican/ Catholic traditional church for the first time, this information will help you. We are simply doing what Jesus said to do, and trusting him to make himself present to us.*

- *“Do this in remembrance of me...”*
- *“This is my body...This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you.”*
- *We aren't intending to do any more or less than obey Jesus by*

- *taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it.*

- *When the invitation is given, please proceed to the altar rail, and take the next available spot. Our custom is to kneel, but standing is fine if you are more comfortable that way. Fold your right hand on top of your left, palms facing up, and receive the wafer (gluten-free wafers are available, just ask for one.) You may immediately eat the wafer or wait for the server to dip it in the wine. To sip the wine from the chalice, guide it to your lips with your hand on the base of the chalice. Receiving just the bread or wine alone is considered full communion. When you are done, you can return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the rail, please let an usher know, and we will bring Communion to you. All baptized children are welcome to receive communion.*

- *It is not necessary to receive the Sacrament in order to worship at Mass and we welcome and encourage all people to join us in worshipping God. If you don't want to receive the sacrament you still can come to receive the blessing. Please come forward and kneel at the altar rail and cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.)*

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *Lord, who throughout these forty days (St. Flavian) (H 142)*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**SURSUM CORDA S 120** *Lift up your hearts (BCP p. 367)*  
*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

*People*

We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS (S 113)**

*Celebrant and People*

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.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

### **EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, .....

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*AMEN.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father in heaven,

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**FRACTION ANTHEM (S-157)**

**INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

**COMMUNION HYMN *Lord Jesus, think on me***  
**(*Southwell*) (H 641)**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

**CLOSING HYMN *The glory of these forty days (Erhalt uns,***  
***Herr)* (H 143)**

**DISMISSAL**