

ASH WEDNESDAY | THE HOLY EUCHARIST & THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

We repent of our sins and pray for forgiveness.

About this Gathering

Ash Wednesday invites us to the observance of a holy Lent by preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Lent is a time of reorientation, return and renewal. It is a time to recommit to striving to be the people we want to be in response to God's self-giving love in Jesus the Christ. There is no "one-size-fits-all" Lenten discipline; however, as Christ-followers we are all called to reflect on our common need to renew our repentance and faith.

The Word of God

Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of all mercy, you love all that you have made. You forgive the sins of all who are truly sorry. Create and make in us clean hearts, that we, humbly confessing our sins and knowing our brokenness, may receive forgiveness and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 | The trumpet must be blown, calling for a return to turning back to a compassionate Lord.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

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—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. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. 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?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her canopy. 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?' "

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:8-14 | The psalmist makes it clear that divine anger is not the final word, nor will it last forever.

Let us read Psalm 103 responsively.

The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, *

nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *

nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *

so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, *

so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, *

so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

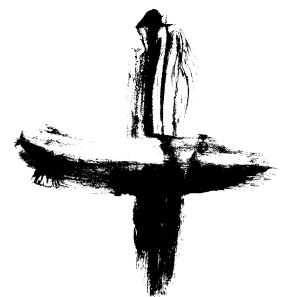
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For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 | Paul urges the new Christ-followers to be reconciled to God.

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

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 14

Let us read Canticle 14 responsively.

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring.

You made the heavens and the earth, *

with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *

they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *

long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *

you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *

that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *

and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *

and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *

Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *

nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *

and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, *

and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 | Jesus describes genuine charity, prayer and fasting.
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew .
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “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. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “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. But 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. “And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so 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. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Lenten Invitation

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 bow down before the Savior, our maker and redeemer.

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

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

Psalm 51

Let us read Psalm 51 responsively.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

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 judgment.
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 God: 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.

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, Savior.

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, Savior.

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

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
We confess to you, Savior.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to you, Savior.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to you, Savior.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to you, Savior.

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, Savior.

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, Savior.

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

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 Savior,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God, the Father of our Savior Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they
may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to the church's ministers to
declare and pronounce to your people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. God
pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe God's holy Gospel.

Therefore we ask God to grant us true repentance and the Holy Spirit, that those things may please God which
we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter maybe pure and holy, so that at the last we may come
to God's eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

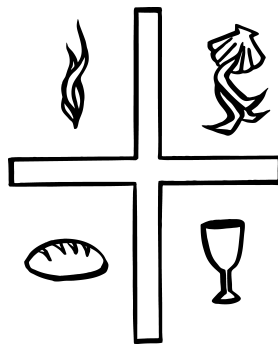
Peace

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And also with you.

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Hymn 142 | Lord, who throughout these forty days

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

The Great Thanksgiving

For these and all of God's gifts;

May God's holy name be praised.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

S 129 | *Santo, santo, santo Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary Magdalene and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

*Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. **AMEN.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray boldly in our chosen language and voice.

Please pray the Lord's Prayer boldly in the version and your language choice. The version below is optional.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in our chosen language and voice.

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.*

*Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

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.*

*Do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Breaking the Bread

Jesus, Lamb of God:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us.

Sending Prayer

Let us pray together.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Solemn Prayer Over the People

We bow down before the Lord. Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Savior. Amen.



LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

SUNDAY GATHERINGS | 10AM

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY | 10AM | Sunday, March 24th

GOOD FRIDAY | 10AM | Friday, March 29th

EASTER DAY | 10AM | Sunday, March 31st

Hymn 149 | Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Dismissal

Go in peace and love in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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