



st Andrew
STAPLEFORD

Holy Communion Ash Wednesday

Prayer A with Mass of St Cedd
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Gathering

WELCOME

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

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.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

READING - Joel 2.1-2, 12-17

- ¹ Blow the trumpet; sound the alarm
on Zion, God's sacred hill.
Tremble, people of Judah!
The day of the Lord is coming soon.
- ² It will be a dark and gloomy day,
a black and cloudy day.
The great army of locusts advances
like darkness spreading over the mountains.
There has never been anything like it,
and there never will be again.
- ¹² "But even now," says the Lord,
"repent sincerely and return to me
with fasting and weeping and mourning.
- ¹³ Let your broken heart show your sorrow;
tearing your clothes is not enough."
Come back to the Lord your God.
He is kind and full of mercy;
he is patient and keeps his promise;
he is always ready to forgive and not punish.
- ¹⁴ Perhaps the Lord your God will change his mind
and bless you with abundant crops.
Then you can offer him grain and wine.
- ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet on Mount Zion;
give orders for a fast and call an assembly!
- ¹⁶ Gather the people together;
prepare them for a sacred meeting;
bring the old people;
gather the children
and the babies too.
Even newly married couples
must leave their homes and come.
- ¹⁷ The priests, serving the Lord
between the altar and the entrance of the Temple,
must weep and pray:

“Have pity on your people, Lord.
Do not let other nations despise us and mock us
by saying, ‘Where is your God?’”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Liturgy to the Holy Spirit – *Words: Robert Herrick; Music: Peter Hurford*

SERMON

Liturgy of Penitence

SELF-EXAMINATION AND CONFESSION

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

God the Father,
have mercy on us.

God the Son,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Trinity of love,
have mercy on us.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you, Lord ...

All our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Musical score for the hymn "Lord, have mercy". The score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a CANTOR part marked *p* (piano) and a CHOIR part. The second staff continues the CANTOR part marked *mp* (mezzo-piano) and the CHOIR part. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer_cy. Lord, have mer. cy. Christ, have__ mer. cy. Christ, have__ mer. cy. Lord, have__ mer-cy. Lord, have__ mer-cy." The score includes dynamic markings, phrasing slurs, and a fermata over the final note.

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 towards our neighbours and for our prejudice and contempt towards 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.

Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
that we may show 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.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Dear friends in Christ,
I invite you to receive these ashes
as a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

God our Father,
you create us from the dust of the earth:
grant that these ashes may be for us
a sign of our penitence
and a symbol of our mortality;
for it is by your grace alone
that we receive eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The president and people receive the imposition of ashes. At the imposition the minister says to each person

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

After the imposition of ashes is completed

God our Father,
the strength of all who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers;
and because, in our weakness,
we can do nothing good without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in keeping your commandments we may please you,
both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because he 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 with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.' The score includes dynamic markings: *f* (forte) at the beginning and *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the 'Bless-ed' section. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;

we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died,

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have
mer-cy on us, have mer_ cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a__way the sin of the world, grant_ us peace, grant_ us
peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

All receive communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 daily endeavour
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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