



Christ Our Hope Anglican Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

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This booklet contains our Order of Service for Ash Wednesday . Any responses by the congregation can be found in here, and are in italics.

Processional: Come You Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, you sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love and power.

Come, you thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, you weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

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The Litany or General Supplication

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray. [All kneel or sit]

Priest: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;

Answer: Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Priest: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

Answer: Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Priest: O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful.

Answer: Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Priest: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;

Answer: Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Priest: Remember not against us, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers;
neither take vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have
redeemed with your most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever.

Answer: Spare us, good Lord.

Priest: From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from
your wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Answer: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Priest: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Answer: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Priest: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Answer: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Priest: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Answer: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Priest: From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and Commandment,

Answer: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Priest: By the mystery of your holy Incarnation; by your holy nativity and Circumcision; by your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Answer: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Priest: By your Agony and Bloody Sweat; by your Cross and Passion; by your Precious Death and Burial; by your glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Spirit,

Answer: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Priest: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Answer: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Priest: We sinners do humbly ask you to hear us, O Lord God; and that you may be pleased to rule and govern your holy Church universal in the right way;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased so to rule the heart of your servant, the President of the United States, that he may above all things seek your honor and glory;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to send forth laborers into your harvest;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to bless and keep all your people; Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to live after your commandments;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to give to all your people increase of grace to hear meekly your Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth fruits of the Spirit;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to assist, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to preserve all who travel by land, by water, or by air, all women in child-birth, all sick persons, and young children; and to show your pity upon all prisoners and captives;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to defend, and provide for the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to have mercy upon all men;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: That you may be pleased to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word;

Answer: *We humbly ask you to hear us, good Lord.*

Priest: Son of God, we humbly ask you to hear us.

Answer: *Son of God, we humbly ask you to hear us.*

Priest: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world;

Answer: *Grant us your peace.*

Priest: O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world;

Answer: *Have mercy upon us.*

Priest: O Christ, hear us.

Answer: *O Christ, hear us.*

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Priest: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Answer: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

All together: ***Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, One 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. Amen.***

The Collect for the Day:

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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Reading: Joel 2:12-17

The Holy Gospel:

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter six, beginning in the sixteenth verse.

Answer: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

Answer: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Homily

A Penitential Office [All kneel or sit]

Psalm 51: God Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, Blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, Speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art; teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgement just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear thy voice.
From my sins O hide thy face; blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to Thee.
Saviour all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest: O Lord, save your servants;

Answer: *Who put their trust in you.*

Priest: Send to them help from above.

Answer: *And mightily defend them evermore.*

Priest: Help us, O God our Savior.

Answer: *And for the glory of your Name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners, for your Name's sake.*

Priest: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer: *And let our cry come to you.*

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord, we humbly ask you, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins to you; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by your merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who has compassion upon all men, and hates nothing that you have made; and who does not will the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Your property is always to have mercy; to you only belongs the character to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed; enter not into judgment with your servants; but so turn your anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with you in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All together: *Turn us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favorable, O Lord, Be favorable to your people, Who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and praying. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. You are merciful when we deserve punishment, And in your wrath think upon mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare them, And let not your heritage brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for your mercy is great, And after the multitude of your mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Priest: 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 Lord. *Amen.*

[The people come forward and the Priest and Deacons shall impose ashes on the foreheads of the faithful.]

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

Priest: O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of your great mercy loose us; for the honor of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

The Benediction

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and

minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest of Galilee! O calm of hills above;
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity –
Interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

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A Journey Through Lent

Wednesdays in Lent - Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm, followed by a time of discussion and then Evening Prayer. Bring a pot of soup, or salad/bread, to share and take advantage of this opportunity to go deeper in your faith during your Lenten journey.



Palm Sunday - 29 March, 10:30am - Holy Communion

Mundy Thursday - 02 April, Special Meal together & Holy Communion – 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday - 03 April, Noon

Feast of the Resurrection - 05 April, 10:30am - Easter Morning Celebration with Holy Communion

