

*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words;*

**The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

**The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*     **Let us pray.**

### **Celebrant and People**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**Recessional Hymn**   *O Bless The Lord, My Soul! (vs 1-6)*   **Hymnal 411**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Numbers 6:24-26*  
*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

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## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST**

**MARCH 2, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

*Ash Wednesday*



*You are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*

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*The Celebrant begins the liturgy, saying,*

Let us pray.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Collect for Ash Wednesday

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.*

**The Old Testament** **Joel 2:1-2, 12-17** **See Insert**

*The Reader says, "A Lesson from the Book of Joel."*

*After the Reading, the Reader says, "The Word of the Lord".*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103: 8 - 14** **BCP 733/See Insert**

**The Epistle** **2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10** **See Insert**

*The Reader says, "A Lesson from St. Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter to the Corinthians."*

*After the Reading, the Reader says, "The Word of the Lord".*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (vs 1,2) **Hymnal 142**

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant continues,*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant,*

**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, and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Celebrant says,**

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

The People say,

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The **Celebrant** says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take the bread in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***Celebrant and People, say:***

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

***The Celebrant continues***

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, *sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people*, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Christopher, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Gospel**

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

*At the Gospel reading:*

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

**People:** ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

*After the Gospel is read:*

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Sequence Hymn** “*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*” (vs 3,4,5) **Hymnal 142**

**Ash Wednesday Reflection**

**Fr. Steve Karcher**

*All stand, as they are able,*

*The Celebrant 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.

## **Imposition of Ashes**

### ***Prior to the imposition of ashes, the Celebrant says:***

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.*

### ***The ashes are imposed with the following words:***

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

### **Following the imposition of ashes, and brief reflection, the Celebrant and Congregation say,**

#### **Psalm 51** *Miserere mei, Deus*

#### **BCP 656**

- 1 *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.*
- 2 *Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.*
- 3 *For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.*
- 4 *Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.*
- 5 *And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment*
- ...
- 7 *For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.*
- 8 *Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.*

You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.*"

The Celebrant says,

**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.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

*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.*

*The people standing or kneeling as they are able, the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.

...

11 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

...

13 *Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.*

14 *I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.*

...

16 *Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. ...*

### **Litany of Penitence**

**BCP 267**

A brief silence is then kept, the Celebrant and People together, kneeling or standing, say:

*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.***

*The Celebrant, stands and, facing the people, says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord 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 his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*The Peace is then exchanged, followed by a brief reflective silence.*

## **The Holy Communion - Eucharistic Prayer D**

**BCP 372**

**The Celebrant says,**

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.