



Ash Wednesday Liturgy - Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. (Joel 2:12)

Preparation

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. *(Psalms 51:17)*

Grace and peace, in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, be with you.

And also with you.

Brothers and sisters, his divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to his glory and goodness, by which we have been given great and precious promises, that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through sinful desires.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith virtue; to virtue add knowledge; to knowledge, self-control; to self-control, perseverance; to perseverance, godliness; to godliness, add brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will not be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these things is nearsighted and blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

Therefore, be diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for in this way you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Messiah. *(2 Peter 1:2-11)*

We invite you therefore, to observe this Lenten season of self-examination and repentance by reading and meditating on God's Word, by prayer, fasting and self-denial, in the power and presence of his Holy Spirit.

Hymns

Collect

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully:

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing that You have made and forgive the sins of all those who truly repent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that we, in acknowledging and lamenting our sins, may receive from You, the God of all mercy, perfect forgiveness and peace through Jesus the Messiah our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Ministry of the Word

Hymns

Confession

Let us confess our sins. *(Silence is Kept)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, 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. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken 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.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to You.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. *(Psalm 51)*

Let us continue to humble ourselves before the Lord.

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another that we have sinned, through weakness, through negligence, through our own deliberate fault; in thought, in word, and in deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

For our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for our pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves; **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

For our unrighteous anger, bitterness, and resentment; for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors; **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give

of ourselves in love; **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

For our dishonesty in daily life, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call. **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

For our blindness to need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice, cruelty and violence; **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors; **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

For our negligence in prayer and worship; for our presumption and abuse of your grace; **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

For seeking the approval of others rather than You; **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You.**

Let us continue to appeal to our heavenly Father: **Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to You in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For You are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. Look upon us and forgive us through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to Him: have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus the Messiah our Lord. **Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

God our Father, You create us from the dust of the earth: grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of genuine repentance and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus our Messiah. **Amen.**

As a sign of our repentance in preparing our hearts to celebrate his resurrection, I invite you to receive on your head, in ash, the sign of the cross — the symbol of our salvation.

*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Jesus of Nazareth!*

Hymn

The Peace

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Eucharist

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 Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our joy always and everywhere to give You thanks holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus the Messiah our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near, the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgment that has come upon the world and the triumph of the Son of David crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain who lives forever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause.

Therefore with angels and archangels we proclaim your great and glorious Name, forever praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son, our redeemer Jesus the Messiah; and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood. For in the same night that He was betrayed, He took bread; and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again, after supper He took the cup; He gave You thanks. He gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Messiah has died; Messiah is risen; Messiah will come again. Lord Jesus come in glory.

Therefore, heavenly Father, with this bread and this cup we do this in remembrance of Him: we celebrate and proclaim his perfect sacrifice made once for all upon the cross, his resurrection from the dead, and his ascension into heaven; and we look for his coming in glory.

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 our Redeemer.

Adoration

Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O ruler of the nations. Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? For You alone are holy. All nations shall come and worship in your presence: for your just dealings have been revealed.

To Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and power forever.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and 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 for ever. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on us.**

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Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. **Give us Your peace.**

Draw near with faith and receive the body and blood of Jesus the Messiah.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire You with our whole heart:

that desiring You, we may seek You;

and that seeking You, we may find You;

and that finding You, we may love You;

and that loving You, we may hate those sins from which You have delivered us; through Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

May Jesus of Nazareth 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.**



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