

Ash Wednesday



Prayerfully surrendered

WELCOME

Will you come?
Will you come just as you are to God?
Will you come to the God who calls you?

God is here offering new life to all

**I come this day to the Father
I come this day to the Son
I come this day to the Holy Spirit**

Come, Love bids you welcome.

HYMN, BIBLE READING & REFLECTION

CONFESSION

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 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 meditation on God's holy word

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

Silence is kept.

**Holy God,
Our lives are laid open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your Son
bring us healing and make us whole
in Jesus Christ our Lord**

Silence is kept after which the Litany is said.

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.

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.

*Please come up to the front to receive the sign of the cross on
your forehead.*

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

In your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them saying:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper taking the cup of wine

he gave you thanks, and said

"Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me."

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that his bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ our risen Lord.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever,
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
Though we are many, we are one body
Because we all share in one bread.

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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God of compassion,
Through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled your people to yourself.
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.