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**Ash Wednesday**

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**Order of Service**  
10am and 7pm Holy Eucharist

**First Hymn 560 God, Whose Almighty Word**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The community prays in silence; then follows the Collect of the Day.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise 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 brokenness, 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, for ever and ever

**First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12**

**Psalm 103:8-18**



The Lord is merciful and gracious,

\* **slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.**

He will not always chide:

\* **neither will he keep his anger for ever. Refrain**

He hath not dealt with us after our sins;

\* **nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heaven is high above the earth,

\* **so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. Refrain**

As far as the east is from the west,

\* **so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

Like as a father pitieth his children,

\* **so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. Refrain**

For he knoweth our frame;

**\* he remembereth that we are dust.**

As for man, his days are as grass:

**\* as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.**

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;

**\* and the place thereof shall know it no more. *Refrain***

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them  
that fear him,

**\* and his righteousness unto children's children;**

To such as keep his covenant,

**\* and to those that remember his commandments to do them.**

*Refrain*

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10**

**Gospel Gradual 4 Wait for the Lord**

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

**Homily**

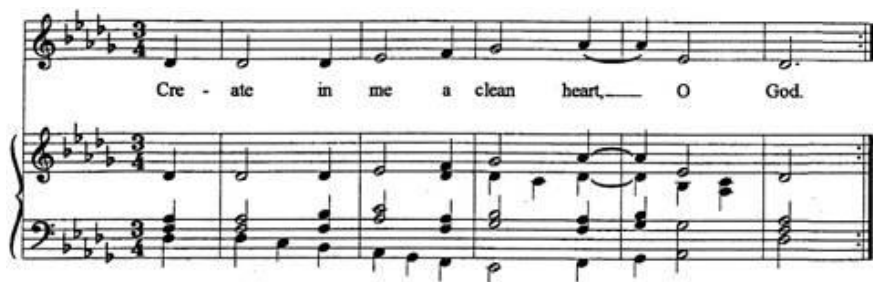
Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

**Hymn 172 Now Let Us All with One Accord *Tune CP 431***

## Psalm 51:1-18



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;

**\* in your great compassion blot out my offences.**

Wash me through and through from my wickedness

**\* and cleanse me from my sin. Refrain**

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. Refrain**

And so you are justified when you speak

**\* and upright in your judgement.**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,

**\* a sinner from my mother's womb. Refrain**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,

**\* and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;

**\* wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Refrain**

Make me hear of joy and gladness,

**\* that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins

**\* and blot out all my iniquities. Refrain**

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. Refrain**

Give me the joy of your saving help again

**\* and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

I shall teach your ways to the wicked,

**\* and sinners shall return to you. Refrain**

Deliver me from death, O God,

**\* and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,**

O God of my salvation. Open my lips, O Lord,

**\* and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. *Refrain***

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,

**\* but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.**

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;

**\* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

***Refrain***

### **Litany of Penitence**

*The celebrant and people say together,*

**Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, 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 neighbours 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 judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, 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;

**Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

*If ashes are to be imposed, the celebrant may say the following prayer.*

Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*Those who desire to receive ashes come forward, and the ashes are applied to the forehead of each person with the following words.*

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

*After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling.*

*People* Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

*Celebrant* By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,  
*People* **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Offertory 180 Giver of the Perfect Gift** *Tune CP 175*

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

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**Hymns for Communion**

**615 Just As I Am**

**634 Jesus, Remember Me**

**Prayer after Communion**

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following 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.

**Doxology** **page 214**

**Blessing**

**Last Hymn 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

**Dismissal**

**Participating in our Service**

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