

**EUCCHARIST FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Wednesday 17 February 2021. 6:00pm

Choir: *If Ye Love Me* (Thomas Tallis)

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ be  
with you

**All and also with you.**

Sisters and brothers 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 in 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  
meditating on God's holy word.

**The Collect**

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

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.

**All Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon - The Chaplain

**Act of Penitence**

*Silence for self-examination*

Choir: *Lent Prose*

**All Father eternal, giver of light and  
grace,  
we have sinned against you and  
against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through  
weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

May God our Father forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints for ever.

**All Amen.**

**The Peace**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus  
Christ,

who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

*Organ interlude during the preparation of the  
table.*

Risen Lord and Saviour,  
present among us with the wealth of your  
love,  
cleanse us from sin and give us the faith  
to offer our praise and grow in your grace.

**All Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days you lead us into the  
desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and  
discipline we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you  
bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the  
world and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy and  
join with saints and angels for ever  
praising you and singing:

*Choir: Sanctus (Hans Leo Hassler)*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus.  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis

*tr: Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts.  
Hosanna in the heights.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all  
holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord

Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do  
this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
*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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the  
cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins  
of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and  
glorious ascension, and looking for his coming  
in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our  
redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread  
and this cup and we thank you for counting us  
worthy to stand in your presence and serve  
you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup, so  
that we, in the company of all the saints, may  
praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for  
ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom  
and teach us to pray:

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive  
you, but only say the word, and I shall  
be healed.**

*Choir: Agnus Dei, (Hans Leo Hassler)*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

tr: *Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of  
the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of  
the world,  
Grant us peace.*

**All We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful  
Lord, trusting in our own  
righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great  
mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to  
gather up the crumbs under your  
table.  
But you are the same Lord**

**whose nature is always to have  
mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son  
Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made  
clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his  
most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in  
him, and he in us.  
Amen.**

*Holy Communion is distributed*

Almighty God,  
you have given your only Son to be for us  
both a sacrifice for sin  
and also an example of godly life:  
give us grace that we may always most  
thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts,  
and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed  
steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All God of our pilgrimage,  
you have fed us with the bread of  
heaven.  
Refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

This is love, not that we loved God,  
**All but that he loved us and sent his  
Son.**  
He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
**All that we might live through him.**  
If God loves us so much  
**All we ought to love one another.**  
If we love one another  
**All God lives in us.**

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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