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**EUCCHARIST
WITH
IMPOSITION OF ASHES**



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

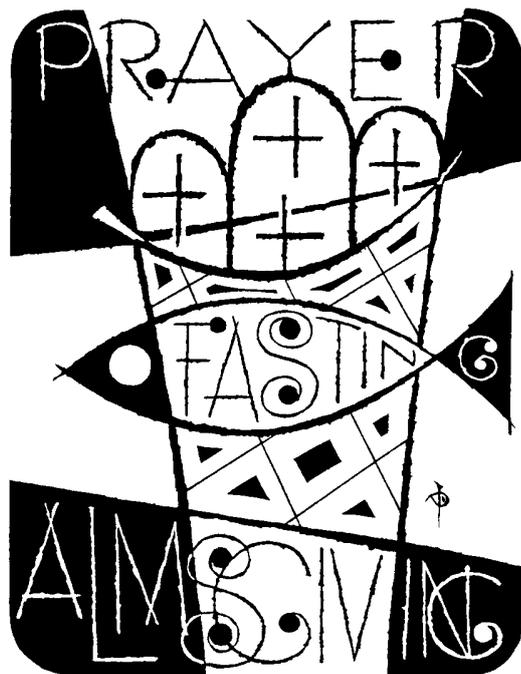
THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter: forty days of preparation for fifty days of celebration. Lent means waiting: for the cross, the water and the fire. God does not need Lent, but we do. The rhythm of fast and feast taps into some elemental need of ours, where denial creates longings to be satisfied so that we come to deeper appreciation of God's great gifts.

Lent is a time for preparing catechumens (baptismal candidates) for Easter baptism. It has its origins in the fact that preparation of catechumens is a process by which the whole Christian community is renewed. While Sunday is always a festival of the crucified and raised Christ, omission of the Gloria (Glory to God), along with addition of the Trisagion (Holy God, holy and mighty,..) and other Lenten material provided in A Prayer Book for Australia will help set the tone for the Season.

ASHES

Last year's palm crosses are burnt to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. This represents a little death, a letting go of the past in order to embrace God's future.



THE GATHERING

GREETING:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Silence is kept.

SENTENCE:

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love. *Joel 2.13*

From dust we came,
to dust we will return

We belong to God

We gather in penitence,
we gather in confidence

We belong to God

At the beginning of Lent,
at every moment of our lives

We belong to God

Ruth Burgess

THE COLLECT FOR LENT:

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. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 58: 1 - 12*

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:

Response: **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offence.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt.
and of my sin cleanse me. R./
2. For I acknowledge my offence,
and my sin is before me always:
'Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.' R./
3. A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me. R./
4. Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. R./

GOSPEL: *Matthew 6. 1 – 6, 16 - 21*

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew,
Chapter 6, beginning at Verse 6..

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

LENTEN EXHORTATION:

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes,
an ancient sign, speaking of the uncertainty of human life,
and demonstrating our admission of the wrongs we have committed.
I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord,
to observe a holy Lent by self-examination,
saying sorry for the wrongs we have done,
prayer, fasting and giving,
and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

Let us admit our faults to Almighty God.

Silence is kept, all kneeling.

**All: Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LITANY OF PENITENCE:

Readers: 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.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

1. We confess to you, Lord: the pride, hypocrisy,
and impatience of our lives,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

2. Our failure to give ourselves to our family, our friends and our community,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

1. Our anger at our own frustration,
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

2. Our love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

1. Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

2. Accept our prayers Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All: **Lord, we are sorry**

2. For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our
neighbours and for our prejudice and contempt toward those
who differ from us,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

1. For our waste and pollution of your creation
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: **Lord, we are sorry**

2. Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

All: **Hear us, Lord, for your forgiveness is for all.**

1. Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

All: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Priest: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

All: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his
resurrection.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us.
May these ashes be for us a sign that from the earth we come
and to the earth we return,
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 each person's forehead with the following words:

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

After all who desire ashes have received them, the Litany of Confession is concluded, all kneeling.

Accomplish in us, O God, 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 your resurrection.

ABSOLUTION:

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 .

A time of turning round

Truly dust we are, and to dust we shall return;
and truly yours we are, and to you we shall return.
Help this to be a time of turning round and beginning again.
Through the forty days of Lent, help us to follow you
and to find you: in the discipline of praying
and in the drudgery of caring –
in whatever we deny ourselves,
and whatever we set ourselves to learn or do.
Help us to discover you
in our loneliness and in community,
in our emptiness and our fulfilment,
in our sadness and our laughter.
Help us to find you when we ourselves are lost.
Help us to follow you on the journey to Jerusalem



to the waving palms of the people's hope,
to their rejection, to the cross and empty tomb.
Help us to perceive new growth amid the ashes of the old.
Help us, carrying your cross, to be signs of your Kingdom.

Amen

Jan Sutch Pickard

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the new Jeru-Shalom;
we are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Merciful God, we thank you

His one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**



THE COMMUNION:

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

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

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

*The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the
communicant responds, **Amen.***

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION:

Compassionate and loving God,
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**

Lord Jesus,
desert dweller,
help us now,

at this time of Lent,
to accompany you.

If we have grown soft,
cushioning our lives
with excuses,
**expose us to the toughness
of your way.**

If we have grown lazy,
cushioning our minds
with easy, thin thoughts,
**expose us to the rigour
of your truth.**

If we have grown comfortable,
cushioning our living
with satisfaction and success,
**expose us to the challenge
of your life.**

As we walk,
God, be our way.
As we learn,
God, be our truth.
As we grow
God, be our life.

John Harvey and Millicent

FINAL BLESSING:

Grant, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Christ our Lord. Amen

DISMISSAL:

The worship has ended.
The service has begun.

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

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST PAUL'S

LENT:

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| Sundays | 8:00 | Eucharist |
| | 10am | Eucharist |
| Wednesdays | 10am | Eucharist |



HOLY WEEK:

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| Palm Sunday | 8:00 | Eucharist |
| | 10am | Procession of the Palms & Eucharist |
| Wednesday | 7:30pm | Tenebrae service |
| Maundy Thursday | 7:30pm | Eucharist with foot washing and vigil |
| Good Friday | 10am | Good Friday Liturgy |
| | 12pm | Ecumenical service in Highfield Park |

EASTER:

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| Easter Sunday | 6:30am | Dawn Eucharist with the lighting of the new fire and renewal of Baptismal vows |
| | 10am | Eucharist and renewal of Baptismal vows |



Please come and join us