



Ash Wednesday March 2 2022

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ASH WEDNESDAY INVITATION

PRIEST: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in the primitive Church it was the custom to observe with great devotion the days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, and to prepare for the same by a season of penitence and fasting.

This season of Lent also provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for holy Baptism. In addition, it was a time when persons who been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled and restored to the fellowship of the Church by penitence and forgiveness.

Thereby the whole Congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution contained in the Gospel of our Saviour, and of the need which all Christians continually have, of a renewal of their repentance and faith.

I therefore invite you, 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 upon God's holy Word.

OPENING RESPONSES - LENT

PRIEST: Cast your burden upon the Lord,

ALL: And he will sustain you.

PRIEST: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

ALL: And renew a right spirit within me.

PRIEST: Cast me not away from your presence

ALL: And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

PRIEST: Give me the joy of your saving help again

ALL: And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

PRIEST: Blessed be the Lord day by day,

ALL: The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

OPENING SONG

Be Thou My Vision (*Common Praise 505*)

COLLECT ASH WEDNESDAY

PRIEST: 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. **ALL:** Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58: 1-11 (Contemporary English Version)

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10: 19-25a (Good News Translation)

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

PRIEST The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

PEOPLE: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 11: 28-30 (Contemporary English Version)

The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

ASH WEDNESDAY LITANY OF PENITENCE

PRIEST: 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. 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.

PRIEST: 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.

ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord.

PRIEST: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

PRIEST: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

PRIEST: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

PRIEST: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

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

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

PRIEST: 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,

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

PRIEST: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

ALL: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

ASH WEDNESDAY IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PRIEST: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these symbols we impose on our flesh 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.

INSTRUCTIONS: Everyone will remain at their seats and sanitize their hands. Rev. Jonathon will come around with the container of ashes mixed with olive oil. Each person will dip a finger in the ashes and then mark the sign of the cross on their foreheads, while Rev. Jonathon says:

[Name], remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

ASH WEDNESDAY CONFESSION

ALL: Lord, for thy tender mercies sake, lay not our sins to our charge; But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;

To decline from sin, and incline to virtue; that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

PRIEST: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:

Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Moderator Richard Bott of the United Church of Canada (adapted for congregational prayer)

PRIEST: God of all Creation, God of the heights and the depths, and everything in-between. God of this blue-green bauble, spinning in space, a place of such wondrous creatures, and abundant life, we are praying for a miracle, one of the smallest of changes, but one that would have immense

consequence.

As people work for peace, seeking to end the war that Russia has perpetrated on Ukraine, seeking to end the death, seeking to make a peace,

what we are praying for is a change of mind, a change of heart, a change of worldview, in the Russian leadership, who brought this into being.

Help them, God of all hope, to see that this is the chance to step back from the war, to pull back the escalation, to let go of whatever it is that made them choose the path that has led to the chaos, the destruction, the death, in Ukraine.

We need a miracle that will help them to not only pull back, their forces to within their borders, their rhetoric of nuclear option; but also to be part of the rebuilding of the nation they sought to overtake.

In the midst of the grief and tears and anger and rage, of the parents and grandparents, of the siblings and children, of the friends and neighbours, of those who have been killed in this act of aggression, help us to bring this to an end, God, one that will allow the sunflowers of Ukraine to reach their growth, sprouting in the soil of peace, under a hope-filled sky. Help us to make that miracle, God, for it is truly needed. In Christ's name, in the Spirit's power, in the Creator's love, we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRIEST: And now, as our saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

ALL: 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.

THE PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

OFFERING SONG

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes
(Voices United)

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

PRIEST: 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. **ALL:** Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER *Book of Common Prayer*

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with thy spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up unto the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

PEOPLE: It is meet and right so to do.

PRIEST: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

PRIEST: Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee...

... the memorial which he hath commanded:

ALL: We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God

PRIEST: And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness...

...all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **ALL:** Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

ALL: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy:

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy 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.

AGNES DEI

PRIEST: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

ALL: have mercy upon us.

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PRIEST: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

ALL: grant us thy peace.

PRE-COMMUNION

PRIEST: The gifts of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIEST: God our Father, who makest thy sun to rise upon the evil and upon the good, and sendest rain upon the just and upon the unjust: Help us to love our enemies, and to forgive those who trespass against us, that we may receive of thee the forgiveness of our sins, and be made thy children in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen

ASH WEDNESDAY BLESSING

PRIEST: Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty - the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost - be with you and your families this day, and may God's blessing remain with you always.

ALL: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Lead Us Heavenly Father (*CP 564*)

DISMISSAL

Priest dismisses the Congregation

ALL: Thanks be to God!