

Ash Wednesday Service
Blackburn-Navan-Bearbrook
Online 7:00 pm
Feb 17, 2021

***NOTE: What you will need for worship:

- an empty jar,
- small dish with water/oil/ashes/dirt
- thread or string for around the wrist

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OPENING HYMN **Be Thou My Vision (CP 505)**

GREETING

WORDS OF INVITATION TO ENTER INTO ASH WEDNESDAY

A CALL TO REPENTANCE

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Reader 1: “But even now,” says the Lord, “repent sincerely and return to me with fasting and weeping and mourning. Let your broken heart show your sorrow; tearing your clothes is not enough.”

Reader 2/ALL: Come back to the Lord your God.

Reader 1: He is kind and full of mercy; he is patient and keeps his promise; he is always ready to forgive and not punish. Perhaps the Lord your God will change his mind and bless you with abundant crops. Then you can offer him grain and wine.

Reader 2/ALL:

Blow the trumpet on Mount Zion; give orders for a fast and call an assembly!

Reader 1: Gather the people together; prepare them for a sacred meeting; bring the old people; gather the children and the babies too. Even newly married couples must leave their homes and come. The priests, serving the Lord between the

altar and the entrance of the Temple, must weep and pray:

Reader 2/ALL: “Have pity on your people, Lord. Do not let other nations despise us and mock us by saying, ‘Where is your God?’”

Reader 1: Merciful God, you love all your children, and do not want to see them punished for their sins. Help us to face up to ourselves, admit we are in the wrong, and raise our eyes with confidence to your mercy.

Reader 2/All: ...God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with [God] while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as [God] himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:5-9)*

KYRIE CP # 706

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20b-6:10

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6:1-6; 16-21

HOMILY

BLESSING OF ASHES

Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly ask God our Father that he be pleased to bless with the abundance of his grace these ashes, which we will put on our heads in penitence.

O God, who are moved by acts of humility and respond with forgiveness to works of penance, lend your merciful ear to our prayers and in your kindness pour out the grace of your ✠ blessing on your servants who are marked with these ashes, that, as they follow the Lenten observances, they may be worthy to come with minds made pure to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM 51

Psalm 51 :1-17

INVITATION TO LENT

CONFESSION OF SIN

LITANY OF PENITENCE

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.
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.

**ALL: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
 Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return

HYMN *Ashes to Ashes (Ash Wednesday)*

MAKING SIGNS OF THE CROSS

Receive the sign of the cross on your forehead.

It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with this sign of his love.

Learn to know and follow him.

Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him!

Receive the sign of the cross on your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord.

Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him!

Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that you may see the glory of God.

Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him!

Receive the sign of the cross on your lips, that you may respond to the word of God.

Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him!

Receive the sign of the cross over your heart, that Christ may dwell there by faith.

Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him!

Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders,
that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.

Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him!

Receive the sign of the cross on your hands,
that Christ may be known in the work which you do.

Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him!

Receive the sign of the cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.

Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him!

We entrust ourselves to the sign of eternal life,
in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

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

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 Savior,

bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

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

Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN Change my heart, O God (ELW 801)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church (CP 174)

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