

St. John the Evangelist, Shirley
Ash Wednesday Mass 2021

GREETING

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

Amen.

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

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ: since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

At first this season of Lent was observed by those who were preparing for Baptism at Easter and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship from which they had been separated through sin. In course of time the Church came to recognize that, by a careful keeping of these days, all Christians might 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.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

1ST HYMN

COLLECT

GOSPEL RESPONSES

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

ADDRESS

2ND HYMN

LITURGY OF PENITENCE

Let us call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father,
have mercy on us.

God the Son,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Holy blessed and glorious Trinity,
have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief, from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness, and love of money:
from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws.
Good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; From the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death, and at the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood, and obedience; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; and by your preaching of the kingdom,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; and by your precious death and burial,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
Good Lord, deliver us.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Make our hearts clean, O God;
and renew a right spirit within us.

**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.

Dear friends in Christ, I invite you to receive these ashes as a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

God our Father, you create us from the dust of the earth: grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The president and people receive the Imposition of ashes

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

PEACE

3rd HYMN

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good ...

... and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and *singing*

**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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father ...

... we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life...

... O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI

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 peace.

INVITATION

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

CHOIR ANTHEM

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**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,
but that he loved us and sent his Son.

He is the sacrifice for our sins,
that we might live through him.

If God loves us so much
we ought to love one another.

If we love one another
God lives in us.

BLESSING

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart.
Amen.

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds.
Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

DISMISSAL

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