



# CHRISTCHURCH ANGLICAN

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Christian Education: 11 a.m. Sundays & 6 p.m. Wednesdays

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## ASH WEDNESDAY



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*Please maintain silence before worship for prayer. Kindly silence all electronic devices.*

*If you're visiting with us today, welcome to Christchurch!  
You bless us with your presence!*

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**Prelude** *Prayer* Jean Langlais

**The Opening Acclamation** *Please stand*

*Priest* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

**Tolling of the Angelus** *Please remain standing*

*The tolling of bells that begins the liturgy is a sixteenth century practice called the "Angelus." Three sets of three tolls followed by a set of nine tolls represent prayers said in honor of the Trinity.*

*While the Angelus is being rung, this prayer may be used by the people for silent meditation.*

*We adore thee, most Holy Trinity, we worship thee, and thank thee that thou hast revealed to us this glorious Mystery. Grant, we beseech thee, that persevering in this faith, and loving thee above all things, we may see thee and glorify thee eternally, whom we confess here, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God in three persons, blessed for evermore. Amen.*

**Entrance Hymn** **Kyrie**

*Cantor* Together, let us pray to Christ our Lord, who intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father:

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son,  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

*Cantor* Lord Jesus Christ, you were sent to heal the contrite. Have mercy on us. **Kyrie**  
*Cantor* Lord Jesus Christ, you came to call all sinners. Have mercy on us. **Kyrie**  
*Cantor* Lord Jesus Christ, you intercede for us at the right hand of the Father. Have mercy on us. **Kyrie**



## The Absolution

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He now pardons and absolves all who truly repent and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Comfortable Words

*The Celebrant may say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## The Prayer Over the People

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart: that desiring you, we may seek you; and that seeking you, we may find you; and that finding you, we may love you; and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

*Please stand*

## Procession in Silence

*The People depart in silence*

## The Collect for Ash Wednesday

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

**Almighty and everlasting God, you hate 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 wretchedness, 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.***

## The First Lesson *Please be seated*

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup> ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Second Lesson**

**II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10**

<sup>20b</sup> We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.<sup>6:1</sup> As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says, ‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’ See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!<sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup> truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 143** *Please stand*

**The Glory of These Forty Days**



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons’ might; and John, the Bride - groom’s  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold

*Priest* For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call. Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts and actions toward our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For our negligence in prayer and worship, for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest and People*

**Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Confession and Litany of Penitence** *Please kneel*

*Priest and People*

**Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and 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 neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. 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.**

*Priest* Lord, have mercy upon us:  
*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives; Lord, have mercy upon us:  
*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves; Lord, have mercy upon us:  
*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For our unrighteous anger, bitterness and resentment; Lord, have mercy upon us:  
*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love; Lord, have mercy upon us:  
*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest* For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us:  
*People* **For we have sinned against you.**



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

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**The Gospel** *Please remain Standing*

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

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup> "Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup> "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>16</sup> "And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup> "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** *Please be seated*

**Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent** *Please stand*

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. In this manner, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need that all Christians continually have to renew our repentance and faith.

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 alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

*Following the invitation, the people kneel and silence is kept for a time.*

**Blessing of the Ashes** *Please kneel*

Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth: bless these ashes, we pray, that they may be for us a symbol of our mortality and a sign of our penitence, that we may remember that it is by your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Imposition of Ashes** *Please be seated*

*The ashes are imposed with the following words*

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

*Ushers will assist the congregation to come to the rail for the imposition of ashes. After receiving the imposition of ashes, please return along the side aisles to your seat.*

**The Silent Meditation at the Imposition of Ashes**

**Psalm 51:1-18** *To be read silently in meditation and preparation for the imposition of ashes.*

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.  
Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me  
Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.  
And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment  
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.  
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.  
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.  
Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.  
Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.  
Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.  
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, you will not despise.*

**Music at the Imposition of Ashes**

**Ah, Holy Jesus**  
Helmut Walcha  
Thomas Bowers, organ

**Kyrie (Orbis Factor Mass)**  
D. Hurd