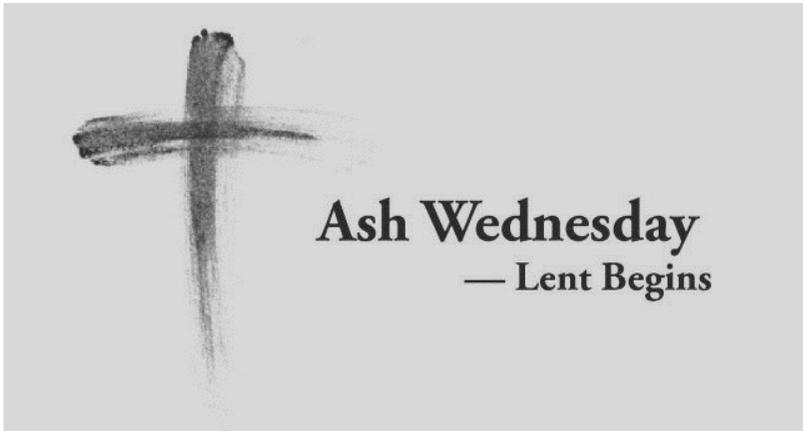


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## Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you;  
**and also with you.**

## Introduction

*The president explains the meaning of Lent and invites the people to observe it faithfully*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting. By carefully keeping these days, Christians 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.

*The Trisagion or another suitable penitential song may be used*

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

## Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*  
Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
*All Amen.*

### ***First Reading***

<sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; 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.

**6** As we work together with him,<sup>[a]</sup> 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.

*2 Corinthians 5.20-6.10*

This is the word of the LORD

**All: Thanks be to God**

### ***Gradual Psalm***

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.
- <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- <sup>16</sup> For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.
- <sup>17</sup> The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- <sup>18</sup> Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

***Psalm 51.1-18***

***Gospel Reading***

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you; **and also with you**

Hear the ✕ Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

And they all went home, <sup>1</sup> while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, <sup>4</sup> they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. <sup>5</sup> Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' <sup>6</sup> They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' <sup>8</sup> And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>9</sup> When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' <sup>11</sup> She said, 'No one, sir.'<sup>[b]</sup> And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

*John 7.53-8.11*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Address**

*An address is given.*

The Liturgy of Penitence

*A minister now leads a corporate examination of conscience*

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

God the Father,

*All* **have mercy on us.**

God the Son,

*All* **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
*All* **have mercy on us.**  
Trinity of love,  
*All* **have mercy on us.**

*All* **Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.**

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* **Lord, have mercy.**

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* **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you, Lord ...  
all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other  
people.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Our anger at our own frustration  
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts  
and our dishonesty in daily life and work.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship  
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours  
and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us.

**All Accept our repentance, Lord.**

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

**All Accept our repentance, Lord.**

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

**All Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**All that we may show your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

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

*Silence is kept.*

**All We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy**

**forgive what we have been,**

**help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may do justly,**

**love mercy,**

**and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

*If the people are to be marked with ash this should follow here; otherwise the  
service continues with an authorized absolution and the exchange of the Peace.*

### ***The Imposition of Ashes***

*If the imposition of ashes is to follow, the president says*

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.  
**All Amen.**

*The president and people receive the imposition of ashes, the president first receiving the imposition from another minister. At the imposition the minister says to each person*  
Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.  
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

*This prayer may be said by the president*  
God our Father,  
the strength of all who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers;  
and because, in our weakness,  
we can do nothing good without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in keeping your commandments  
we may please you, both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.   
*All may express a virtual sign of peace.*

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Merciful Father,  
turn us from sin to faithfulness  
and from disobedience to love,  
and prepare us to celebrate  
the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
*All* **Amen.**

## **Eucharistic 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  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;

do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Agnes, St Etheldreda, St Martin, St Nicholas, St Philip and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer***

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, ...**

## ***Breaking of the Bread***

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## ***Invitation to Communion***

Jesus 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.**

*The Holy Communion at this time is received in the form of the bread only.*

## ***Prayer after Communion***

Let us pray. Almighty God,  
you have given your only Son to be for us  
both a sacrifice for sin  
and also an example of godly life:  
give us grace  
that we may always most thankfully receive  
these his inestimable gifts,  
and also daily endeavour  
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All 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.  
Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

This is love, not that we loved God,  
**All but that he loved us and sent his Son.**  
He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
**All that we might live through him.**  
If God loves us so much  
**All we ought to love one another.**

If we love one another  
**All God lives in us.**

*This Dismissal Gospel may be used*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

*Luke 15.4-7*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **The Blessing**

*Either of these blessings may be used*

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

**All Amen.**

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

**All Amen.**

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

**All Amen.**

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

**All Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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