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## Ash Wednesday

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Sung Eucharist Book of Alternative Services (p. 185)  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**THE LENTEN PROSE: Refrain- Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you  
**All: And Also with you.**

THE COLLECT (STAND)  
**Silence**  
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. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (SIT)  
*After each reading, except the psalm, the reader says 'The Word of the Lord' and we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading – 1<sup>st</sup> Reader,  
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. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "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. 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. 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? 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? 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? 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 rear guard. 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, 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. 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. 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.

ISAIAH 58:1-12

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

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**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 judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. PSALM 51:1-17

Second Reading – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 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! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet

not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20B-6:10

GOSPEL (STAND)

Gospeller: Praise to you, O Lord, King of Eternal Glory (CP: 717)

**All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of Eternal Glory**

Gospeller: The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts. *cf Psalm 95.3,8*

**All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of Eternal Glory**

Gospeller: The Lord be with You. (TONE - BAS P.920 OR CP: 718)

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of Eternal Glory**

SERMON (SIT)

LITURGY OF THE ASHES & LITANY OF PENITENCE (BAS P. 281)

THE PEACE (STAND)

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III - BAS P.198 (REMAIN STANDING)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (REMAIN STANDING)

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. **Amen**

SURSUM CORDA (MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE  
SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (MERBECKE: CP 683/ HB C177)

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON (KNEEL OR STAND)  
*Response to: 'Therefore, Father, according to his command' is: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven,  
**All: Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, And deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, And the glory are yours, Now and for ever. Amen.**

## SILENCE

FRACTION SENTENCE  
Celebrant: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**All: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

AGNUS DEI (MERBECKE: CP 685/ HB C177)

**All: 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 your peace.**

COMMUNION SENTENCE (KNEEL OR SIT)  
Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION  
COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (KNEEL OR SIT)  
**Silence**  
God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

BLESSING (KNEEL)  
RECESSIONAL HYMN  
DISMISSAL (REMAIN STANDING)