
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Kendal

Order of Service
for
Ash Wednesday
During
Covid-19 Lockdown



(Online Service)

THE GATHERING

Leader Welcome to this service for Ash Wednesday from Holy Trinity Kendal Parish Church to mark the beginning of the season of Lent.

This service will be different as we are not able to take part in usual imposition of Ashes, however we hope that during this worship at home we will each be able to commit yourselves to seeking the Lord through Lenten practice in the coming weeks.

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

All And also with you.

Leader 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.

ANTHEM If ye love me - Tallis (sung by the Lloyd family)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.
(John 14:15-17)

KYRIE ELEISON

Leader Lord, have mercy.
All Lord have mercy.

Leader Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Leader Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT

Leader Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.
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.

PSALM 51

Leader Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.

**All Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me

**All Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.**

Leader So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.

**All I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

Leader Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.

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

Leader Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

**All Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.**

Leader Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

**All Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.**

Leader Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

All Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked
and sinners shall return to you.

Leader Deliver me from my guilt, O God,
the God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

All **O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it;
you take no delight in burnt offerings.

All **The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.**

Leader O be favourable and gracious to Zion;
build up the walls of Jerusalem.

All **Then you will accept sacrifices offered in
righteousness,
the burnt offerings and oblations;
then shall they offer up bulls on your altar.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

ADDRESS Revd Mat Ineson

THE LITURGY OF PENITENCE

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

Leader God the Father,
All **have mercy on us.**

Leader God the Son,
All **have mercy on us.**

Leader God the Holy Spirit,
All **have mercy on us.**

Leader God the Holy Trinity,
All **have mercy on us.**

Leader 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.**

Leader 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.**

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

- Leader Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people.
All Lord, have mercy.
- Leader Our anger at our own frustration
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.
All Lord, have mercy.
- Leader Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts
and our dishonesty in daily life and work.
All Lord, have mercy.
- Leader Our negligence in prayer and worship
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.
All Lord, have mercy.
- Leader 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.
- Leader For all gossip and false judgements,
for speaking when we should have remained silent,
for our silence when we should have spoken out,
and for our prejudice and contempt
towards our neighbours.
All Accept our repentance, Lord.
- Leader For our waste and pollution of your creation
and our lack of concern for those who come after us.
All Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

All Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Leader Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
All that we may show your glory in the world.

Leader 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.**

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES/THE SIGNING OF THE CROSS

Leader Dear friends in Christ,
I invite you to make the sign of the cross as a mark 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 your cross signed upon us may be

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.**

Leader Remember that you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return.
 Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

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.

All **Amen.**

TIME FOR REFLECTION

ANTHEM Wait on the Lord (sung by the Lloyd family)

The Lord's my shepherd,
in him I shall not want,
by waters still he leadeth me.

In pastures green,
he maketh me to lie,
with righteousness he sets me free.

With living streams he shall restore my soul,
and wash me throughly from my sin;
wait on the Lord and he shall comfort thee,
wait on the Lord, wait on the Lord.

The Lord's my light,
of whom then shall I fear?
Of whom then shall I be afraid?

The Lord's my strength,
the stronghold of my life,
in times of trouble he's my stay.

With living streams he shall restore my soul,
and wash me thoroughly from my sin;
wait on the Lord and he shall comfort thee,
wait on the Lord, wait on the Lord.

*I shall not fear,
I shall not fear.
I shall not fear,
I shall not fear.

He shall refresh my soul,
and cleanse my sin;
he shall refresh my soul,
wait on the Lord,
wait on the Lord. (repeat*)

(Words taken from Psalms 23 and 27 by Duncan Lloyd)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father in heaven,
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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves,
take up your cross,
and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

