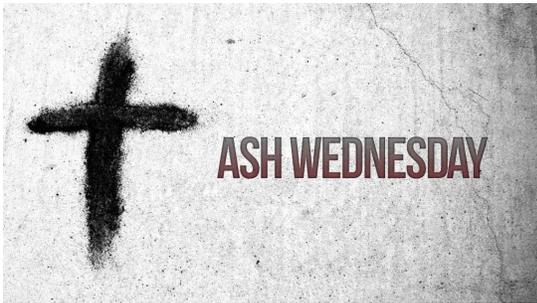


Welcome to Worship!



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A N G L I C A N C H U R C H
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Ash Wednesday



All Saints committed to being a church of Up (worship & prayer), In (deep community and lifelong discipleship), and Out, (service of others and evangelism).

Please say / pray together the words in bold type after All...

The Gathering

Greeting

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

All Amen.

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

All: And also with you.

Opening Prayer...

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.
Amen.

Song : Refiners Fire (Purify my heart)

The meaning of Lent and we are invited 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.

(We sit or kneel)

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

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

Silence is kept.

Holy God,
our lives are laid open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your Son
bring us healing and make us whole
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Bible Reading – OT (Joel 2:1-2, 12-17)

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 51 A psalm of David (please say the words in bold)

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.**

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived
me.

⁶ **Yet you desired faithfulness even in the
womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.**

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

¹⁰ **Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and
grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so
that sinners will turn back to you.

¹⁴ **Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O
God, you who are God my Saviour, and my
tongue will sing of your righteousness.**

¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will
declare your praise.

¹⁶ **You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would
bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt
offerings.**

¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a
broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.

¹⁸ **May it please you to prosper Zion, to build
up the walls of Jerusalem.**

Prayer: Take away, O Lord,
the sin that corrupts us;
restore by grace your own image within us;
give us the sorrow that heals
and the joy that praises,
that we may take our place among your people,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Second Bible Reading – NT (2 Corinthians 5:16-
6:10)**

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Song: I surrender

Gospel: Luke 15:11-24

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

The Liturgy of Penitence

Self Examination and Confession.

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 judgments,
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.

The Absolution follows.

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.

Songs x 2: I will offer up my life
Followed by :
Here I am to worship

Intercessions:

Response:
Lord in your mercy
Hear our Prayer.

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 gifts
of a godly life and sacrifice for sin,
and give us grace
to daily endeavour
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Remembering the Cross on which the Saviour
died, let us pray with confidence...

All 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.

The Dismissal

Final Song : Amazing Grace

The Blessing and Dismissal

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.
Amen.

May the Peace of God which passes all
understanding
Keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. God's
seal on our prayer...

*We invite you to not only share the Peace with
whom you are gathered but to message
someone in the church community 'Peace be
with you'.*

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