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Ash Wednesday Service 2021

Via zoom

Welcome

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

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.
Amen.**

Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Hymn: Jesus, Lover of my Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed;
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False, and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Sermon: Rev Jeremy Bamber. 'Are We Ready?'

Prayer

A time for us to turn to God afresh at the start of Lent, with a sense of repentance. If you picked up one of our packs have your ash cross pebble ready at this point.

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

God the Father	have mercy upon us.
God the Son	have mercy upon us.
God the Holy Spirit	have mercy upon us.
Holy, blessed & glorious Trinity	have mercy upon us.

From all evil & mischief; from pride, vanity & hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, & malice; & from all evil intent,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness & love of money;
from hardness of heart, contempt for your word & laws,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body & mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh & the devil,
good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;
in the hour of death, & at the day of judgement,
good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting & temptation,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word & work; by your mighty acts of
power; and by your preaching of the kingdom,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony & trial; by your cross and passion;
by your precious death and burial,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
good Lord, deliver us.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance, and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

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

Silence is kept

Make our hearts clean, O God;
and renew a right spirit within us.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Invitation to sign oneself with the cross

As we make the sign of the cross, we do so as a sign of the spirit of repentance with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

**God our Father,
Help us to remember that you created us from the dust of the earth and to dust we shall return.
Help us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.
for it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Song: We Bow Our Hearts

We bow our hearts, we lift our hands
We turn our eyes to you again
And we surrender to the truth
That all we need is found in You

Receive our adoration Jesus lamb of God
Receive our adoration, how wonderful you are

We choose to leave it all behind
And turn our eyes towards the prize
The upward call of God in Christ
You have our hearts, Lord take our lives

Receive our adoration Jesus lamb of God
Receive our adoration how wonderful you are

Every soul you've saved sings out
Everything you've made resounds
All creation's standing now
Lifting up your name
We're joining in the angel's song
We're gathered to your ancient throne
Children in our Father's arms
Shouting out your praise

Assurance of forgiveness

May the Lord enrich us with grace,
and nourish us with God's blessing;
May the Lord defend us in trouble
and keep us from all evil;
May the Lord accept our prayers,
and absolve us from our offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

The Blessing

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

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

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

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.