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WORSHIP BULLETIN

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.



WELCOME TO ST BART'S!

We are an inner-city church in the progressive Catholic tradition of Anglicanism that welcomes all people of any race, language, culture, gender or sexuality. We hope that your time with us in worship and prayer is both inspiring and encouraging.

ASH WEDNESDAY
22 FEBRUARY 2023

6:00PM SOLEMN MASS
& IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Presider & Preacher: *Bp Alison Taylor*
Deacon: *Fr Jim Brady*
Sub-Deacon: *Jonathon Harrison*
Organist: *Linda Kent*
Mass Setting: *Mosman Service - Samuel Donovan*

Gathering

Invocation & Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Exhortation

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.

Hymn: (A&M 122)

From ashes to ashes, from dust to dust

Silence is kept

Collect

Gracious God,
out of your love and mercy
you breathed into dust the breath of life,
creating us to serve you and one another:
call forth our penitence and acts of love,
and strengthen us to face our mortality,
so that we may look with confidence for your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Word

First Reading

Joel 2: 12:18

Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel

"Even now," says the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. "Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing." Who knows whether the Lord will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him: a grain offering and a drink offering to be presented to the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" Then the Lord became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51

Response

Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be—
mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *R/.*

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. *R/.*

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. *R/.*

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise. *R/.*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

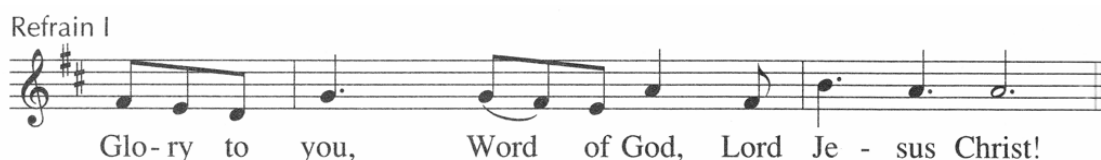
A reading from the second letter of Paul to the church at Corinth

We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ 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 the Lord 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!

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel.

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples,

"Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Bp Alison Taylor

Silence

Ministry of Reconciliation

Litany of Penitence

Most holy and merciful God,

**we confess to you, to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

TRISAGION

Sung three times

Ho-ly God, ho-ly and migh-ty, ho-ly and im - mor - tal,
have__ mer - cy on us, have__ mer - cy on us.

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.

Have mercy on us Lord

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.

Have mercy on us Lord

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives; our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

We confess to you, O Lord

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves;

We confess to you, O Lord

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work;

We confess to you, O Lord

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us;

We confess to you, O Lord

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.

Accept our repentance, O Lord

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

We confess to you, O Lord

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

We confess to you, O Lord

Restore us, good Lord, and let your mercy rest on us.

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

Holy God,

from the dust of the earth you have created us.

May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence,

and a reminder that only by your gracious gift

are we given eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

All are invited to receive the sign of the cross in ash on their forehead with the words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of your resurrection.

Absolution

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.

Amen.

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Sacrament

Offertory Hymn (*TiS 552*)

Come my way, my truth, my life

**Come, my way, my truth, my life,
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.**

**Come, my light, my feast, my strength,
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.**

**Come, my joy, my love, my heart,
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.**

George Herbert 1593-1633

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958 ad. E. Harold Geer 1886-1954

Prayer over the Gifts

Prayers of thanksgiving are offered over the bread and wine.

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God,
 all creation rightly gives you praise.
 All life, all holiness, comes from you
 through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
 whom you sent to share our human nature,
 to live and die as one of us,
 to reconcile us to you,
 the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord;
 through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;
 and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,
 sanctify this bread and wine,
 that we who share in this holy sacrament
 may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

The celebrant takes the bread and says:

Who, when his hour had come,
on the night before he went up to the cross
to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,
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.'

The celebrant takes the cup and says:

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.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



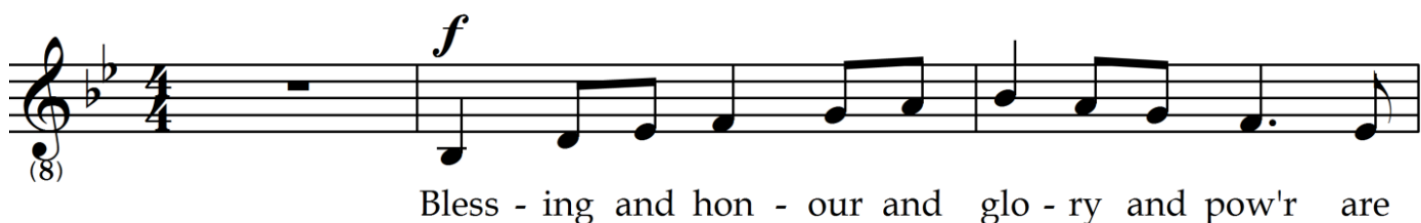
Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a-gain.

Therefore, in obedience to his command,
we commemorate and celebrate
his saving passion and death,
his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven
and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone
you have accepted us in Christ;
and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice,
holy and acceptable in your sight.
Through Christ, receive this our duty and service,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may, by your Holy Spirit,
be one body in Christ,
and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy,
bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom
with all the company of the redeemed.
May we praise you in union with them,
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father eternal,
in songs of never-ending praise:



Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is placed above the first note. The lyrics "Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are" are written below the staff.



Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a fermata over a half note. A dynamic marking of *rit.* (ritardando) is placed above the melody. The lyrics "yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men." are written below the staff.

Rite of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Fraction

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Fraction Anthem

(8) *p*
Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on

(8) *mp*
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on

(8) us. — Je - sus, re - deem-er of the world,

(8) grant us your peace, grant us your — peace.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy 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.

All communicant members of any Christian Church are invited to receive the Sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Sentence

Today if you would hear his voice, do not harden your hearts. ^{Ps 93: 8a}

Post-Communion 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 inestimable gifts,
 and also daily endeavour
 to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Hymn: (TIS 463)

May this Lenten Discipline

**May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above.**

**Sin has sundered us from God,
selfish we have grown and cold,
foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold.**

**Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of Life presides;
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides.**

**As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn.**

*James McAuley 1917-76
Richard Connolly 1927 -2022*

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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