



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Vancouver, BC · *Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds*



ASH WEDNESDAY
Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

CATHEDRAL VISION | We envision a Cathedral which is radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and in community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city, and the world. We recognize our history and traditions, while seeking renewal and growth. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for all voices. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, and regardless of what you may bring or are searching for, you are welcome here.

DUST THAT DREAMS OF GLORY

Ash Wednesday is a day for honesty, a realistic assessment of the human heart.

By tradition it is a day when we assert (unfashionably, but rightly) the sinfulness of our nature, and ask God to “create and make in us new and contrite hearts” and many come forward to have ash placed on our foreheads in the shape of a cross. But even in these stringent days of Lent there is a complementary truth which also needs affirming. We may be dust, be we are dust that is full of mystery and that dreams of glory; dust (we sense) that is to be changed, transfigured, into God’s own likeness.

Michael Mayne, *Pray, Love, Remember*
(London: Datron, Longman & Todd, 1998, page 3)

7:30pm Choral Eucharist

THE BOOK of ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

Gathering of the Community

Introit

Kyrie

trad. Gregorian

Presider

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Collect

Presider

Let us pray (*silence*)

All

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.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Reader

The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 103:8-14

Plainsong



The LORD knows where of we are made; he re - members that we are but dust.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

Antiphon

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Reader

The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Restore in Us, O God (*CP 178*)

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944–); Music: James Hopkirk (1908–1972); BELLWOODS



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dour of your love;
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your power;
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy;
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fil the prom - ise of your grace,



re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
from fruit - less fears un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flower.
bap - tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not des - troy.
that we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Before the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Deacon

The Gospel of Christ.

After the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Helen Dunn

Silence for Reflection

After the homily, all stand.

The Presider invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying:

Presider

Dear friends in Christ,
every year at the time of the Christian Passover
we celebrate our redemption through the death
and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration
and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.
We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance,
and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign,
speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life,
and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Lord,
to the observance of a holy Lent by self-examination,
penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,
and by reading and meditating on the word of God.
Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence for reflection

Litany of Penitence

All are invited to kneel; the Presider & People say together:

All **Most holy and merciful Father,
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.**

Presider 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 **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Presider We have not listened 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 **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

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

Presider Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people,

All **We confess to you, Lord.**

Presider Our anger at our own frustration,
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
All **We confess to you, Lord.**

Presider Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
All **We confess to you, Lord.**

Presider Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
All **We confess to you, Lord.**

Presider Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our failure to attend to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Presider For all false judgements,
for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Presider For our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Presider Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
All **Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Imposition of Ashes
Presider

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth:
Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence,
that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift
that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
All **Amen.**

Lenten Prose



Trad. Gregorian

Hear us O Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us: For we have sin - ned a - gainst Thee.

Choir God we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and harken to thy children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

All **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:**
For we have sinned against Thee.

Ashes are imposed on the forehead with these words:
“Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

Then the Presider says:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.

All That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Presider By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

All Bring us with all your saints to the joy of your resurrection.

Presider Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

The Peace

Please do bow with your hands folded across your heart and say, "Peace be with you" as a sign of this important greeting.

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

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If you are participating in this worship from another church please give generously to your local parish.

Offertory Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine (CP 645)

Text: Bianco da Siena (1350?–1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890), alt.;

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); DOWN AMPNEY



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward vest - ure
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will



mine, and vis - it it with thine own ar - dour glow - ing;
turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
be, and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing;
long, shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com- fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap -
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler
 for none can guess its grace, till they be - come the



pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 sight, and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 part, and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 place where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it finds a dwell - ing.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

All

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider

All

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

Presider

All

Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

All

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
 for the gift of a world full of wonder,
 and for our life which comes from you.
 By your power you sustain the universe.
 Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

You created us to love you with all our heart,
 and to love each other as ourselves,
 but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.
 In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world
 and gather us into one great family.
 Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven,
 we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Choir

trad. Gregorian

Presider

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

All

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing,
gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

All

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

Gracious God, with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life of the family of your children.

All

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.**

All

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider

We break this bread.

All

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All

If we have died with Christ, we shall live with Christ;

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Presider

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

All

Thanks be to God.



Share the Gifts

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in Communion.

If you're joining in via the livestream, please place your hand over your heart and say, "Come, Lord Jesus, come."

While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence—this is a time for quiet prayer and meditation.

During Communion Benedictus & Agnus Dei

trad. Gregorian

Sending Out of the Disciples

Presider

All your works praise you, O Lord.

All

And your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

May we, who share his body, live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,

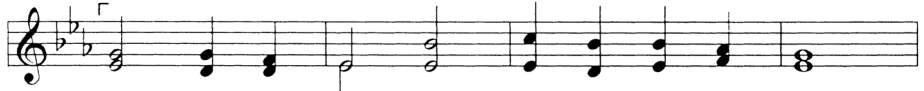
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;

and the blessing...

Closing Hymn

Abide with Me (CP 24)

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847); Music: William Henry Monk (1823–1889); EVENTIDE



1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see:
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee:



Help of the help - less, O
O thou, who chang - est not,
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou
in life, in death, O Lord,

Dismissal

Deacon

All Lord Jesus Christ,
You have put your life in our hands. Now we put our lives in yours.

Deacon

All For bread and wine, for this place and this time.

Thanks be to God.

Deacon

All For the peace we are promised that this world cannot destroy

Thanks be to God.

Deacon

All For the hope of heaven on earth and the final song of joy.

Thanks be to God.

Deacon

All Go in peace to love and serve God and God's people

Thanks be to God.

7:30PM | EUCHARIST & IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Presider & Preacher The Rev. Helen Dunn
Deacon The Rev. Jeffrey Preiss
Reader Jon-Paul Henry
MC Megan Otton
Music Quartet
with Rupert Lang,
Organist & Director of Music

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