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# **Ash Wednesday**

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## Gathering Song

### ***God, When Human Bonds Are Broken – No. 603***

**Vs. 1** God, when human bonds are broken  
and we lack the love or skill  
to restore the hope of healing,  
give us grace and make us still.

**Vs. 2** Through that stillness, with your Spirit  
come into our world of stress,  
for the sake of Christ forgiving  
all the failures we confess.

**Vs. 3** You in us are bruised and broken:  
    hear us as we seek release  
    from the pain of earlier living;  
    set us free and grant us peace.

**Vs. 4** Send us, God of new beginnings,  
    humbly hopeful into life.  
    Use us as a means of blessing:  
    make us stronger, give us faith.

**Vs. 5** Give us faith to be more faithful,  
give us hope to be more true,  
give us love to go on learning:  
God, encourage and renew!

**Greeting**

God be with you;  
**And also with you.**

**Collect/Prayer of the Day**

## **Psalm 51:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to  
your steadfast love;

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**<sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through from my  
wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup> For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> **Against you only have I sinned and done what  
is evil<sup>1</sup> in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and  
right<sup>1</sup> in your judgment.**

***Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, according to  
your steadfast love.***

<sup>5</sup> **Indeed, I was born<sup>1</sup> steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my<sup>1</sup> mother's womb.**

<sup>6</sup> **Indeed, you delight in truth<sup>1</sup> deep within  
me, and would have me know wisdom<sup>1</sup> deep  
within.**

<sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

***Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, according to  
your steadfast love.***

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

**10 Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup> heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- <sup>1</sup> it within me.**

**11 Cast me not away <sup>1</sup> from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- <sup>1</sup> it from me.**

**12 Restore to me the joy of <sup>1</sup> your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- <sup>1</sup> tiful  
Spirit.**

***Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, according to  
your steadfast love.***

<sup>13</sup> Let me teach your ways <sup>1</sup> to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- <sup>1</sup> stored to you.

<sup>14</sup> **Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of <sup>1</sup> my  
salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing <sup>1</sup> of your  
righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, o- <sup>1</sup> pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- <sup>1</sup> claim your praise.

<sup>16</sup> **For you take no delight in sacrifice, or <sup>1</sup> I  
would give it.**

**You are not pleased <sup>1</sup> with burnt offering.**

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice of God is a <sup>1</sup> troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will <sup>1</sup> not  
despise.

Refrain: ***Have mercy on me, O God, according to  
your steadfast love.***

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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

## **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew,

**Glory to you, O God.**

The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ Jesus**

## Hymn of the Day

### **Restore in Us, O God – No. 328**

**Vs. 1** Restore in us, O God,  
the splendour of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.

**Vs. 2** O Spirit, wake in us  
the wonder of your pow'r;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives  
like springtime bud and flow'r.

**Vs. 3** Bring us, O Christ, to share  
the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life  
that death cannot destroy.

**Vs. 4** Three-personed God, fulfill  
the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends,  
may see you face to face.

## **Confession and Imposition of Ashes**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another,  
and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our fault,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have  
left undone.**

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, O God.**

We have shut our ears 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, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, especially Queer siblings in Christ, Black, Indigenous and other people of colour, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for the climate crisis and for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.  
**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

## **Song**

### ***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am – No. 814***

Take, oh, take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

## Offering Song

### **All Things of Dust to Dust Return – No. 920**

**Vs. 1** All things of dust to dust return  
on earth and in the sky.

The hottest, brightest suns that burn  
in time grow dim and die.

The fish that leap, the birds that soar,  
the newborn young that play,  
the leaves that fill the forest floor  
revert to dust and clay.

**Vs. 2** Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow  
so I may comprehend  
that ev'ry moment here and now  
links me to that same end  
I share with all that breathe and burn,  
that flare and fade and tire  
yet by their waning light discern  
your own undying fire.

**Vs. 3** Lord, mark upon my brow this sign:  
a stark and barren cross  
reminding me that though divine  
you know my pain and loss,  
and at the touch of dust and ash  
awake my heart to view  
how death itself is but a flash  
that dies away in you.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

God 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, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and  
in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe....  
...O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

# **Communion Song**

## **Eat This Bread – No. 472**

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

## **Sending Song**

### **Bless Now, O God, the Journey – No. 326**

**Vs. 1** Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,  
the way of give and take.

The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters,  
the road where faith is found.

**Vs. 2** Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way;  
your hope burns through the terrors,  
your love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound;  
together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.

**Vs. 3** Divine eternal lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for land of promise  
where milk and honey flow,  
but waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.

**Dismissal**  
**...Thanks be to God**

# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

Presiding Ministers: Rev. Daniel Fournier,  
Rev. Lyndon Sayers

Assisting Minister: Boston Laferté

Kantor: Nathan McDonald

Musician: Carolyn Hoekstra

Livestream: Christopher McDonald

Communion: Dana McKee

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