

Sung Eucharist for Ash Wednesday 17th February at 5.30 pm



**Truro
Cathedral**

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Cantor: Harry Hoyland**

The Gathering

Please stand as a verger leads the clergy to the altar.

The president says

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people

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

All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction may be said.

Introduction

The president calls the congregation to observe a devoted and penitential Lent.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

At first this season of Lent was observed by those who were preparing for Baptism at Easter and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship from which they had been separated through sin. In course of time the Church came to recognise that, by a careful keeping of these days, all Christians might 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.

Please remain standing while the cantor sings the Kyrie Eleison.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

The president says the Collect, the special prayer for the day.

Let us pray

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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

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

A reading from the book of the prophet of Joel.

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet 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 he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for 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?"

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 51

sung by the cantor

Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great love,
In your compassion blot out my offences:
Wash me thoroughly from my guilt,
And cleanse me from my sin.

To you I confess my faults,
For they ever stare me in the face:
Against you it is that I have sinned,
And done evil in your sight.

Make me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me:
Cast me not out of your sight,
Nor take your holy spirit from me.

Uphold me with your might,
And strengthen me with perseverance:
Open my lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall declare your praise.

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 5: 20 – 6: 2**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him 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!

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

sung by the cantor

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

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

The president says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The president says an opening invocation or prayer, and then all sit.

Please sit or kneel for the Litany.

Ash Wednesday Ceremonies

The Litany

The intercessor says

All **God the Father,
have mercy on us.**

All **God the Son,
have mercy on us.**

All **God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.**

All **Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
have mercy on us.**

All **From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity, and malice;
and from all evil intent,
Good Lord, deliver us.**

All **From sloth, worldliness, and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
Good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind;
From the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;
in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood, and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;
by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial;
by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection;
by your glorious ascension;
and by the sending of the Holy Spirit,

All **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.

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

Silence is kept for a while, after which the president says:

Make our hearts clean, O God;

All **And renew a right spirit within us**

All say the Prayer of Penitence

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.
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 Imposition of Ashes

The president blesses the ashes

God our Father, you create us from the dust of the earth: bless these ashes, that they may be for us a sign of penitence and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The president makes the sign of the cross with the ashes on his forehead saying:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

Lent Prose
sung by the cantor

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

**To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.**

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:
Way of salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

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

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

When the imposition of ashes is completed the president says:

God our Father, in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close to you in penitence
with prayer, fasting and generosity;
accept our Lenten discipline,
and when we fall by our weakness,
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Please sit while the altar is prepared but stand when the organ stops playing.

The president may say the following Offertory Prayers

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all creation.**

Lord, help us to resist temptation by our Lenten works of charity and penance. By this Eucharist may we be prepared to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour and be cleansed from sin and renewed in spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

The president says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give 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 singing:

The cantor sings the Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

Please remain standing as the president continues

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your
kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing.

The Lord's Prayer

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or other suitable words

Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and mankind, so let us join our prayers with his in the words he has taught us:

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

All **We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the following invitation to Communion.

All **Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

At the Distribution the president says

The body of Christ.

The communicant replies each time Amen, and then receives.

The cantor sings the Agnus Dei

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Anthem

'Hymn to God the Father' by Pelham Humfrey (1647 – 1674)

Words: John Donne (1572-1631)

**Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, For I have more.**

**Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, For I have more.**

**I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by Thyself, that at my death
Thy Son Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And having done that, Thou hast done; I fear no more.**

After Communion

Please stand

Let us pray

The president says the 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.**

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

The president says

The Lord be with you.

All **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.

All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain standing as the clergy depart.

Organ Voluntary

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671 by J S Bach (1685 – 1750)

Please take this order of service away with you.

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