

THE GATHERING

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

Amen.

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

and also with you.

The meaning of Lent is explained and the people are invited to observe it faithfully.

COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

At the end of the reading:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 **Refrain: Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.
Refrain
- 4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
Refrain
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement.
Refrain
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Refrain
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.
Refrain

- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Refrain
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
Refrain
- 10 Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.
Refrain
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Refrain
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.
Refrain
- 13 Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit.
Refrain
Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us; give us the sorrow that heals and the joy that praises and restore by grace your own image within us, that we may take our place among your people in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

Glory to you O Lord.

After the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON or REFLECTION

THE LITURGY OF PENITENCE

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Kneel. Silence is kept.

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

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*All receive the imposition of ashes. At the imposition the minister says
to each person:*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

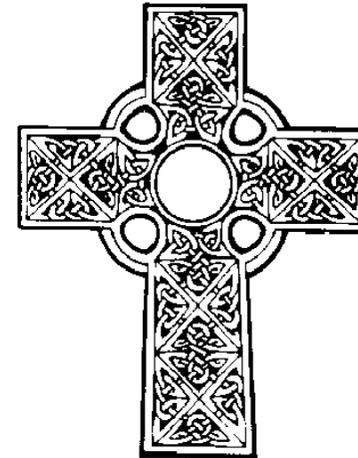
As our Saviour taught us so we pray:
Our Father, who art in Heaven...

THE DISMISSAL

A blessing is said

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

**FOR
ASH WEDNESDAY**