

Welcome to
your Parish Church
in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14th February 2024

We gather

HYMN

1 Lead us, heavenly father, Lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy.
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Priest: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit. A broken and contrite heart, O
God, thou wilt not despise. (Ps 51)

SILENCE

We say to one another:

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.**

(1 Corinthians 1:3)

INTRODUCTION

PRAYER

**All: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We hear and respond to God's Word

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

HYMN

1 Father in heaven, whose love
profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
to us Thy pard'ning love extend.

2 Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
to us Thy saving grace extend.

3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
to us Thy quick'ning pow'r extend.

4 Jehovah! Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life, to us extend.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

SERMON

We Confess our need

We sing

**Kyrie elieson.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.**

(Lord, have mercy)

We hear THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
After each we say:

Priest: Make our hearts clean, O God.
All: And renew a right spirit within us.

Then we respond in confession:

**All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES *Come forward if you wish.*

Marking each forehead with a cross in ash, the priest says to each person:

Remember that you are but dust and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from your sins and be faithful to Christ.

*Having received the ashes, any who wish to may light a candle in pray for Israel,
Gaza and Ukraine.*

A SONG OF ST ANSELM

Deacon: Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with
us as a mother with her children.

**All: Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
Tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.**

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds; in sickness you nurse
us, and with pure milk you feed us.

**Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;
By your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.**

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your
gentleness we find comfort in fear.

**Your warmth gives life to the dead,
Your touch makes sinners righteous.**

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
In your love and tenderness remake us.

**In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness; for the beauty
of heaven may your love prepare us. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

The priest declares:

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Tariro kneels. The congregation prays for their priest:

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PEACE

Deacon: God says: 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you,'
so, we reassure one another:

All: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

We tell the story of God's enduring patience with humankind

Priest: The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

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 him thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into the covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and saying:

All: 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.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

All: Amen, Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin

that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

All: Amen, Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave himself up for us all
he 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.

All: Amen, Lord, we believe.

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.

All: Amen, Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

All: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of
our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

All: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all
your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation
is brought to perfection in 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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon: As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body.
For we all share in one bread.**

Priest: Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the
word and I shall be healed.**

The Priest and people receive Communion while we sing:

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

(words: Taizé Community; chant: Jacques

Berthier)

After Communion we pray:

**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.**

We are sent out

BLESSING

Priest: Whatever counts as your wilderness, Christ who dwelt forty days exploring our vulnerability, feeling our temptations, be with you and minister to you with his angels, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you this Lenten season and always.

HYMN

1 Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

3 Then if Satan on us press,
Flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
Grant we may not faint nor fail!

2 Shall not we your sorrow share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with you to suffer pain?

4 So shall we have peace divine;
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as served You faithfully.

5 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by your side,
That with you we may appear
At th'eternal Eastertide.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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