



**St. Thomas'**  
CATHEDRAL

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The Church of North India*

*A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion*

**The Holy Eucharist  
for the Beginning of Lent**  
*with imposition of ashes*

**Ash  
Wednesday**

For you are  
**DUST**  
and to dust you shall  
**RETURN**

Genesis 3:19

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 • 6.30 pm

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of fasting, prayer, self-examination and preparation for the Easter Feast. The imposition of ashes is an ancient sign of repentance and serves as a reminder of our mortality. As God said to Adam, “*You are dust, and to dust you shall return.*” As we are marked with ashes on our foreheads in the same manner that we are signed with the cross at Baptism, we are reminded that we are marked as Christ’s own forever in a visible way

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The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

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*Follow the readings and the Order of Service for the Lord’s Supper in **The Book of Common Prayer** (refer page numbers).*

*The hymns can be found in the **English Hymnal**.*

# Order of Service

## The Gathering

### Voluntary

“Alle Menschen müssen sterben”  
(All mankind must die)

J. S. Bach, BWV 643 (1685 - 1750)

*Everybody must die,  
all flesh passes like grass;  
whatever lives must perish  
if it is to become new elsewhere.  
This body must rot  
if it is elsewhere to recover  
and gain the great glory  
which is prepared for those who are righteous.*

Johann Georg Albiuns (1624 - 1679)

*All keep silence and prepare for worship.*

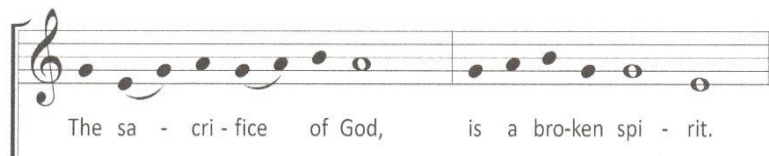
*All **STAND** as the Procession of Clergy and Servers enter.*

### Psalm 51

*The verses are intoned by the cantors.*

*All join in the response.*

Response **The sacrifice of God, is a broken spirit.**



Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin. *Response*

For I acknowledge my faults  
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight. *Response*

*Continued*

Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

*Response* **The sacrifice of God, is a broken spirit.**

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

*Response* **The sacrifice of God, is a broken spirit.**

*Please be SEATED*

*The Presbyter introduces the liturgy*

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

*All* **Amen.**

*Presbyter* The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Dear friends in Christ,  
since early days Christians have observed  
with great devotion  
the time of our Lord's passion  
and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days,  
we 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.

*While seated or kneeling ,all sing.*

**Kyrie eleison**

**Kyrie eleison.**

*Lord, have mercy upon us*

**Christe eleison.**

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

**Kyrie eleison.**

*Lord, have mercy upon us*

From the liturgy of the Russian Orthodox Church

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Ash Wednesday | **Page 445**

*Read by the Presbyter*

Old Testament Reading | **Page 446**

A reading from the Book of Joel 2. 12 - 17

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle | **Page 446**

A reading from the letter of James 4. 1 - 10

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All **STAND** and join in singing the gradual hymn.*

Forty days and forty nights

*Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel.*

The Gospel of Christ | **Page 447**

**All**                    **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ  
King of endless glory.**

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God.

*The Gospeller*    The Lord be with you

**All**                    **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew 6. 16 - 21

**All**    **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

*The Gospeller*    This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**All**                    **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Remain **STANDING** for the Creed, all reciting together.*

The Nicene Creed | **Page 354**

*Please be **SEATED**.*

**Sermon**

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

# The Liturgy of Penitence

*The Presbyter says*

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

*Kneel or remain seated*

## The Litany

*Cantor*

Let us pray

God the Father,

*All*

**have mercy upon us.**

God the Son,

**have mercy upon us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

**have mercy upon us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,

**have mercy upon us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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,

**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,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Continued. Turn over.*

*Cantor* 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,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**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.

*Seated or kneeling, all sing*

## The Trisagion

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

*Presbyter*

Make our hearts clean, O God;

*All*

**and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry  
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## The Imposition of Ashes

*Presbyter*

Dear friends in Christ,  
I invite you to receive these ashes  
as a sign of the spirit of penitence  
with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

God our Father,  
you create us from the dust of the earth:  
grant that these ashes may be for us  
a sign of our 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.**

*Before the imposition, the presbyter says*

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

*Those desiring to receive the imposition of ashes proceed to the chancel steps.*

*While seated, all sing.*

Hymn | # 99

Glory be to Jesus v.v. 1 to 4 and 7

*The imposition of ashes concludes with the presbyter praying*

God our Father;  
the strength of all who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers;  
and because, in our weakness,  
we can do nothing good without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in keeping your commandments  
we may please you, both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*            **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All STAND.*

### The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.*

*At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.  
Thank you for your generosity. All join in singing the hymn.*

### Preparation of the Table

#### Hymn at the Offertory | # 87

Saviour, when in dust to thee

All say

Offertory Prayer | *page 357*

Please be **SEATED**.

The Consecration | *Page 363*

The Communion | *Page 368*

*Communicants are requested to leave space on either side of them when they receive Communion.*

*While seated, all join in singing the hymn.*

Hymn at the Communion | **# 76**

Lord, in this thy mercy's day

Prayer after Communion

All **STAND** and say.

**God of our pilgrimage,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

The Blessing

*The Presbyter*

May God the Father,  
who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give to you a contrite heart.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*All join in singing the hymn at the closing.*

## Hymn at the Closing

**I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.**

***I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;  
every hour I need Thee;  
O, bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.***

**<sup>2</sup> I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.**

**<sup>3</sup> I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.**

**<sup>4</sup> I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O, make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.**

Words: Annie Hawks (1836 - 1918)

Tune: NEED  
Robert Lowry (1826 - 1899)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*All depart in silence.*

For your safety please respect others and give one another space.



Please use **face covering** at all times during the service.



Please use **hand sanitiser** on the way in and out.



Please **take this order of service with you**  
to reflect on the prayers and readings and as a reminder of your visit.

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