

Ash Wednesday

A Call to Worship the LORD

A Prayer of Adoration and Confession

A Reading from the Prophets: Isaiah 58:1-12
On True and False Fasting

A Prayer of Response

Righteous God,
in humility and repentance
we bring our failures in caring, helping, and loving, we bring the
pain we have caused others,
we bring the injustice in society of which we are a part, to the
transforming power of your grace.
Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer and to turn
again toward the sunrise of your reign, that we may walk with
you in the promise of peace you have willed for all the children of
the earth,
and have made known to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

A Reading from the Psalms: Ps 51:1-17
On Confession and Forgiveness

A Prayer of Response

Gracious and merciful God,
you see into the secret places of our hearts, where we mourn our
sins.
As we turn again to your grace, receive our prayers. Look with
mercy on our contrite hearts,
wash from us the stain of iniquity,
and create a new and right spirit in us, that we may declare your
praise
and offer an acceptable sacrifice in these Lenten days;
through Christ Jesus, who bore our sins on the cross. Amen.

A Reading from the Epistles: II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
On Reconciliation and the Righteousness of God

A Prayer of Response

O God, you delight not in pomp and show, but in a humble and
contrite heart. Overturn our love of worldly possessions and fix
our hearts more firmly on you,
that, having nothing,
we may yet possess everything,
a treasure stored up for us in heaven. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
On Entering This Season of Repentance and Re-creation

A Time for Reflection and Repentance and Refocusing

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah: Isaiah 40:1-8
On Receiving of the Mark of the Cross:
“Remember, O mortal, you are dust and to dust you will return.”

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I
with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance,
now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun! Heart of my
own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

A Closing Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

The Sending of the Saints