

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Introduction:

Welcome to today's Liturgy of the Word on this Ash Wednesday.

We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Indigenous communities that preceded the founding of our parish.

– pause –

We encourage full, conscious, and active participation in today's celebration. All are invited to pray and sing together. Our participation, in whatever form, is a gift and ministry to each other.

Let us begin with a moment of silence as we prepare our hearts and minds for transformation and renewal.

ONE Minute of Silence

Sharing in God's peace - let us welcome each other.

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Entrance Chant:

Tree of Life – Marty Haugen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoEITZ1_FJU

Greeting:

Leader: **We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

ALL: **Amen.**

Penitential Act:

Leader: Sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear,
but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us
rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.
– *pause* –

Leader: Lord Jesus, you welcome the sinner: Lord, have
mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you heal the wounds of humankind:
Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, lead us in ways of your love and grace:
Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Collect:

Leader:

Let us pray: - pause -

**Gracious and merciful God,
you look with love upon a sinful people
and desire only their return to you.**

**We beg of you the grace to live this holy season,
to persevere in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.**

**By the discipline of Lent
purify our hearts of all pretension,
bring us back to you,
and make the whole Church ready
to celebrate the mysteries of Easter.**

**Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
holy and mighty God for ever and ever.**

ALL:

Amen

Leader:

Let us prepare to listen to God's Word.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

*** Please see the document titled “Readings for Ash Wednesday”. The readings from the Children’s Lectionary are also included for those families with young children. The second reading is omitted when the readings for children are used. Pre-recorded readings are available via this link: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2021-02-17-usccb-daily-mass-readings>

First Reading..... Joel 2.12-18

<i>RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:</i>	
Lector:	The word of the Lord.
ALL:	Thanks be to God.

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 51

https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-052%20Ash%20Wednesday%20ABC%20-%20Psalm%2051.mp3?_ga=2.65990126.1148858658.1613569177-1279089305.1591722439

Second Reading.....2 Corinthians 5.20 – 6.2

<i>RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:</i>	
Lector:	The word of the Lord.
ALL:	Thanks be to God.

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Gospel Acclamation..... Psalm 95.7-8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zI2B8kvw1mQ>

RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.**

ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel.....Matthew 6.1-6

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

ALL: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Profession of Faith:

**** Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith with the Apostles' Creed. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

Leader: Let us profess our faith together:

ALL: I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

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Prayers of the Faithful:

Leader: Let us bring our prayers before God.

**** See the PDF titled Ash Wednesday 2021 – Prayers of the Faithful”*

****Response: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

****Following the Intentions, the Leader prays the following:*

Leader: Gracious God, you who are the source of mercy and love, open our hearts to the joy of repentance and renewal.

Help us embrace the opportunity to take stock of our lives and be renewed in faith.

As you give us wisdom to do your will, lead us always in your love.

In Jesus’ name we pray.

ALL: **Amen.**

HYMN:

Ashes – Tom Conry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3FJIUUjoQ4&feature=youtu.be>

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Leader: With the words that Jesus taught us, let us now pray together:

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.**

Leader: Deliver us, God, from every evil.
Graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy,
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
“I leave you peace, my peace I give you.”
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen**

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Sign of Peace:

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Closing Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray:

May your word sustain us, O Lord, that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you and be for us a healing remedy.

Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

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CONCLUDING RITES:

Blessing:

Leader: **May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.**

ALL: **Amen.**

Dismissal:

Leader: **Let us go forth in the peace of Christ.**

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN:

Return to God – Marty Haugen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyYtj9XAz8M>