

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

February 17, 2021

Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymn 142

Verse 1

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

Verse 2

As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

Verse 3

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy Word.

Verse 4

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide, yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.

Verse 5

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

We Fall Down

Verse 1
We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

CCLI Song No. 2437367, Chris Tomlin

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

The Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, either here or following the sermon, saying

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. In this manner, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need that all Christians continually have to renew our repentance and faith.

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 alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

The Celebrant and people kneel. A period of silent prayer follows. The Celebrant then says

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader A Reading from the Book of Joel (2:1-2, 12-17)

¹ Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, ² a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations. ¹² "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over

disaster. ¹⁴ Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶ gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. per 17 Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8-14

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,

* slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always chide,

* nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,

* nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

* so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,

* so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,

* so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows our frame;

* he remembers that we are dust. (ESV)

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (6:1-6, 16-18)
People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

¹"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ² "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶ "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (ESV)

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON...The Rev. Canon Dr. Herbert G. Hand

Return to Me with All Your Heart! (sermon outline)

I. Blow a Trumpet in Zion

The Smoke Alarm

Sound the Alarm – "Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain!" - Joel 2:1

II. Return with All Your Heart

"... return to me with all your heart ..." – Joel 2:12

Halfhearted

The Rebellion of God's People in the Days of Joel

They defrauded their neighbors (Zephaniah 1:10-11).

They mingled the worship of the one true God with the worship of false gods (Zephaniah 1:4-5).

They ... practiced deceit (Jeremiah 6).

They were ... greedy for gain ... (Jeremiah 6).

Examine Yourself Before God – "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." – 1 Corinthians 11:28

Examination of Conscience

During this Season of Lent:

May you hear the Lord's alarm!

May you give up your halfhearted relationship with the Lord!

May you tear open your heart before God!

May you return to the Lord "with all your heart"!

PENITENTIAL PSALM AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Celebrant says

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

If ashes are to be imposed, the Celebrant says

Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth: bless these ashes, we pray, that they may be for us a symbol of our mortality and a sign of our penitence, that we may remember that it is by your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Then ashes are imposed with the following words

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Psalm 51

All kneel. Psalm 51:1-17 is sung or said.

Have mercy on me, O God, after your great goodness; * according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away my offenses.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness *

and cleanse me from my sin.

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 * that you might be justified in your saying, and clear in your judgment

But behold, I was brought forth in wickedness *

and in sin my mother conceived me.

For behold, you desire truth in the inward parts, *

and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.

You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *

you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, *

that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.

Turn your face from my sins *

and blot out all my misdeeds.

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.

O give me the comfort of your help again *

and sustain me with your willing Spirit.

Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked, *

and sinners shall return unto you.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, you who are the God of my salvation; *

and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

You shall open my lips, O Lord, *

and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it to you; *

but you delight not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.

CONFESSION AND LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Deacon or other person says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence may follow. The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father:

We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints

in heaven and on earth,

that we have sinned by our own fault

in thought, word, and deed;

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

The Celebrant alone continues, and the people respond

For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our unrighteous anger, bitterness and resentment; for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call.

Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts and actions toward our neighbors;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our negligence in prayer and worship, for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

All then pray

Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Bishop, if present, or the Priest, alone stands and, facing the people, says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He now pardons and absolves all who truly repent and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WPORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE

The Celebrant then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

When there is Communion, the liturgy continues with the Offertory. The proper preface for Lent is used.

THE OFFERTORY

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following may be said.

(Said at Noon)

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

(Sung at 7:00 PM) The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

THE SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is just and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS (Said at Noon)

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.

THE SANCTUS (Sung at 7:00)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full, oh Lord

Full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name

In the name of the Lord

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In the name of the Lord

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here* may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

Celebrant and People together pray

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb Slain from the foundation of the world For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice Behold the Lamb of God, Behold the Lamb

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation The gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.]

In Remembrance

Verse 1

In remembrance of Me eat this bread In remembrance of Me drink this wine In remembrance of Me pray for the time When God's own will is done

Verse 2

In remembrance of Me heal the sick In remembrance of Me feed the poor In remembrance of Me open the door And let your brother in let Him in

Bridge

Take eat and be comforted Drink and remember too That this is My body And precious blood shed for you shed for you

Verse 3

In remembrance of Me search for truth
In remembrance of Me always love
In remembrance of Me don't look above
But in your heart
Look in your heart for God
Do this in remembrance of Me

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How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or a seasonal blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Holy, Holy, Holy
Hymn 362

Verse 1

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Verse 2

Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Verse 3

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Verse 4

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

THE DISMISSAL

The celebrant dismisses the people

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series...Turning to the Lord

•	Return to Me with All Your Heart! (Joel 2:1-2, 12-17)	February	17
•	Facing and Defeating Temptation (Mark 1:9-13)	February	21
•	Nothing Can Separate You from the Love of God (Romans 8:31-39)	February	28
•	God Brings us Out of the House of Slavery (Exodus 20:1-21)	March	7
•	God's Sanctifying Work of Judgment (2 Chronicles 36:14-23)	March	14
•	Truly Seeing Jesus (John 12:20-33)	March	21

Today's Team at NOON

Reader: Sudy Fisher

Ushers: Bill and Sudy Fisher

Altar: Janice Badgett

Today's Team at 7:00 PM Reader: Daniel King

Ushers: Jill Amos and Daniel King

Altar: Janice Badgett

WORSHIP DIRECTIVES

Facemasks ... Everyone (over two years of age) will wear a facemask (for speaking and singing) while in the building, including clergy. The only exception is while using a microphone or receiving the consecrated bread.

Social Distancing ... includes no handshakes or physical touching at any time in the church building keeping at least two seats between family groups, and passing the Peace by voice and wave only.

The Offering ... The offering plate will not be passed, but placed on a table in the center aisle.

Prayer Ministry... will be available each Sunday at the end of the service or following Communion in the prayer corner. Distancing will be observed during prayer.

Holy Communion Instructions... The worshipers will follow the floor arrows for the center aisle going forward and the side aisles going back one person at a time. In-building worshipers may receive the consecrated bread while staying six feet from the priest and each other. Only the Priest will receive the consecrated wine. The priest will be wearing latex free gloves and place the consecrated bread and wine on individual plates for the people to receive. Preceding Communion Sundays, you may pick up consecrated bread at the church building Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 3:00, so that you may receive Communion at home during the Sunday service. Holy Communion will be on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

The Nursery is closed...however, seating for families with children is available in the Narthex and you may use the diaper changing station in the Nursery. Children's Worship is available during 10:00 worship; it is especially geared toward children ages 4-9.