

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 5 March 2025

6:00PM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent: a time of penitence, fasting, and prayer, in preparation for the great feast of the resurrection.

The season of Lent began in the early days of the Church as a time of preparation for those seeking to be baptised at the Easter Vigil. The forty days refer to our Lord's time of fasting in the wilderness; and since Sundays are never fast days, Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Fast.

Throughout the Old Testament, ashes are used as a sign of sorrow and repentance, and Christians have traditionally used ashes to indicate sorrow for our own sin, and as a reminder that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6.23).

Like Adam and Eve, we have disobeyed and rebelled against God, and are under the same judgement, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return". (Genesis 3.19).

But as we are marked with ashes in the same manner that we were signed with the Cross in Baptism, we are also reminded of the life we share in Jesus Christ, the second Adam (Romans 5:17, 6:4). It is in this sure hope that we begin the journey of these forty days, that by hearing and answering our Saviour's call to repent, we may enter fully into the joyful celebration of his resurrection.



TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:

Setting: *Missa orbis factor* (Gregorian chant)
Motet: *Teach me thy way, O Lord* (William Fox, d.1579)

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UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:

[Sunday 9 March – First Sunday in Lent](#)

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST
Setting: *Service in the Phrygian Mode* (Charles Wood, 1866-1926)
Motet: *Call to remembrance* (Richard Farrant, c.1525-1580)

[Sunday 16 March – Second Sunday in Lent](#)

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST
Setting: *Mass for four voices* (William Byrd, c.1539-1623)
Motet: *God so loved the world* (Bob Chilcott, b.1955)

[Sunday 23 March – Third Sunday in Lent](#)

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST
Setting: *Missa Brevis No. 2* (Healey Willan, 1880-1968)
Motet: *Sicut cervus* (G.P. da Palestrina, c.1525-1594)

Please stand as the bell is rung. The choir and sanctuary party enter from the Lady Chapel while the Introit is sung by the Cantor.

Introit

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Greeting

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Introduction

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 their sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Saviour, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their 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 self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Blessing of Ashes

O God, who desires not the death of sinners, but their conversion, mercifully hear our prayers and, in your kindness, be pleased to bless ✠ these ashes, that we, who acknowledge we are but ashes and shall return to dust, may, through a steadfast observance of Lent, gain pardon for sins and newness of life after the likeness of your Risen Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Confession

Please kneel. The priest introduces the confession:

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

(Silence may be kept)

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do:**

we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

The people come forward to the communion rail to receive the ashes of penitence.

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

The choir sings a series of antiphons.

The priest pronounces the Absolution.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The people stand for the Kyrie which is sung by the choir.

Kyrie

<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	Christ, have mercy.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	Lord, have mercy.

Collect

All remain standing for the collect of the day.

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Joel 2.1–2, 12–17

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 51.1–17

Chant: Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)

Please remain seated.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness:
according to the fullness of your compassion blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my rebellion:
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your eyes:
so you will be just in your sentence and blameless in your judging.

5 Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth:
and in sin my mother conceived me.

6 You that desire truth in the inward parts:
O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me hear of joy and gladness:
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins:
and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me out from your presence:
do not take your holy spirit from me.

12 O give me the gladness of your help again:
and support me with a willing spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors your ways:
and sinners shall turn to you again.

14 Lord God of my salvation, deliver me from bloodshed:
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

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

16 You take no pleasure in sacrifice, or I would give it:
burnt-offerings you do not want.

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

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.20b–6.10

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the tract and gospel acclamation

Tract

Sung by the choir.

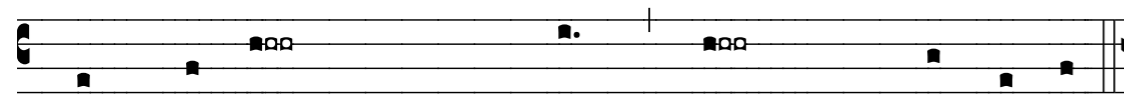
1 He has not dealt with us according to our sins:
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

2 Do not remember against us the sin of former times:
but let your compassion hasten to meet us,
for we are brought very low.

3 Help us, O God our saviour, for the honour of your name:
O deliver us and expiate our sins, for your name's sake.

Gospel: Matthew 6.1–21

The Acclamation is sung first by the choir and then repeated by all.



Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of end-less glo-ry.

If today you hear his voice; harden not your hearts.

The Acclamation is repeated by all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the Gospel:

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of the Faithful.

One of the following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy. *or* Father, hear our prayer.
Hear our prayer. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the end of the prayers, the following is recited:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand for the Peace.

Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The greeting of peace is exchanged through a bow towards those around you.

Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.

Offertory Hymn

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Adapted from Ps xlv in
The Psalmes in English Metre 1579 by W. Daman (1540-91)



- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free,
And make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe opprest;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.
- 5 Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy
O Saviour, be thou nigh.
- 6 Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.

Greek, Synesius of Cyrene (375-430)
Tr. A.W. Chatfield (1808-96)

The Preparation

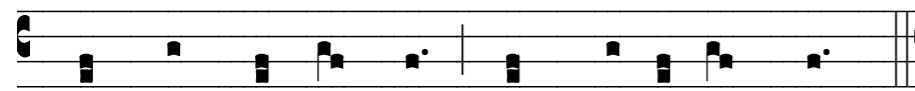
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

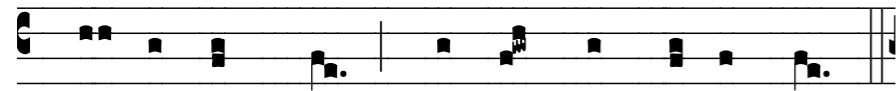
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

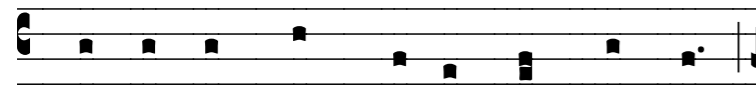
Great Thanksgiving



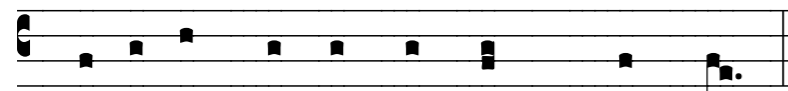
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Please kneel as the sanctuary bell is rung three times.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sung by the choir.

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus sabaoth.*

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

✠ *Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts.

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 priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: *or* Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded...

...his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

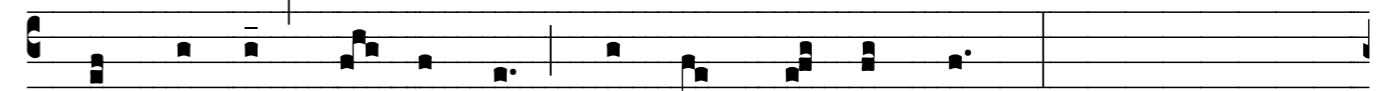
✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

✠ **Blessing and honour and glory and power,
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

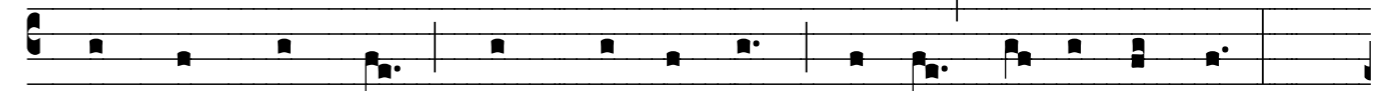
The Lord's Prayer

The priest intones:

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:



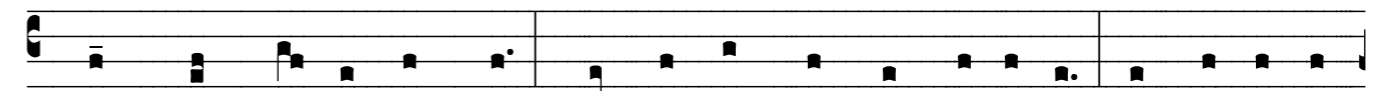
Our Fa-ther in hea-ven hal-lowed be your name;



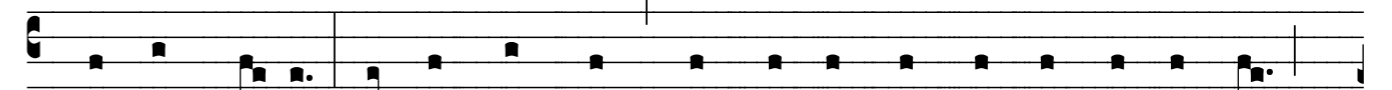
Your King-dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven.



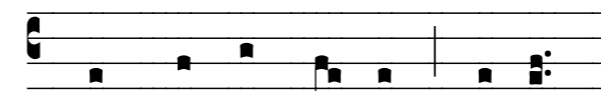
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread for-give us our sins as we for-give



those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er



us from e-vil For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,



now and for e-ver. A-men.

The breaking of the bread

The priest breaks the bread and says the following:

[We break this bread to share in the body of Christ].

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

The choir sings a setting of the Agnus Dei.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

Communion

Communion is distributed along the length of the communion rail.

Please form a single line on the Organ side of the nave and return on the Pulpit side.

Communion Motet

Teach me thy way, O Lord

William Fox (d.1579)

Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth: O knit my heart unto Thee that I may fear Thy name. I will thank Thee O Lord my God with all my heart and will praise Thy name for evermore. Amen.

Psalm 86.11-12

Communion Hymn

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Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)



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| 1 Jesu, grant me this, I pray;
Ever in thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide
Hidden in thy wounded side. | 3 If the flesh, more dangerous still,
Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide
In thy heart and wounded side. |
| 2 If the evil one prepare,
Or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide
In thy heart and wounded side. | 4 Death will come one day to me;
Jesu, cast me not from thee:
Dying let me still abide
In thy heart and wounded side. |

Latin 17th century
Tr. H.W. Baker (1821-77)

Post-Communion Prayer

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest says this or an appropriate seasonal Blessing:

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

✠ In the name of Christ. Amen.

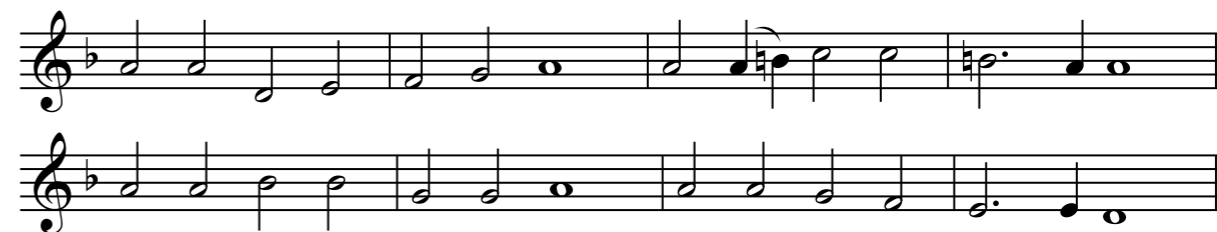
Please stand for the final hymn.

Final Hymn

AUS DER TIEFE 77 77

'M.H.' in *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch* 1676

Melody possibly by M. Herbst (1654-81)



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| 1 Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled. | 4 And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail. |
| 2 Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed. | 5 So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee. |
| 3 Let us thine endurance share,
And awhile from joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain. | 6 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide. |

G.H. Smyttan (1822-70)
and Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Postlude

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ from *Orgelbüchlein* BWV 639

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The choir and sanctuary party depart through the Lady Chapel.

To maintain the prayerfulness of the liturgy, it is requested that there be no applause at the end of the organ postlude. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay and listen.

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HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays throughout the year:

8:00am Said Eucharist – *with hymns*

10:00am Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Wednesdays:

10:30am Eucharist

Fridays:

5:30pm Evening Prayer

6:00pm Eucharist

Seasonal Services:

6:00pm Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Special services are held during the year to mark Feast Days and other days of seasonal significance. These are advertised in the pew bulletin and on our website.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays as advertised:

5:00pm Choral Evensong – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

For further information please visit our website: stpaulsburwood.org.au



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