

Christ Church Primary School

Ash Wednesday

Eucharist Service

2nd March, 2.30pm



CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL

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Opening Hymn

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day;
Chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
Prowling beasts about Thy way;
Stones Thy pillow; earth Thy bed.

Let us thine endurance share
And awhile from joys abstain,
With Thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with Thee to suffer pain.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by Thy side;
That with Thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The priest introduces the service

Prayers of Penitence

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

The priest says:

May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
All Amen.



The Collect

Holy God,
our lives are laid open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your Son
bring us healing and make us whole
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Old Testament reading

Psalm 51

You are kind, God! Please have pity on me. You are always merciful!
Please wipe away my sins. Wash me clean from all of my sin and guilt.

You want complete honesty, so teach me true wisdom. Wash me with
hyssop until I am clean and whiter than snow.

Let me be happy and joyful! Create pure thoughts in me and make me
faithful again. Don't chase me away from you or take your Holy Spirit
away from me. Make me as happy as you did when you saved me! Keep
me from any deadly sin. Only you can save me! Then I will shout and
sing about your power to save.

The Gospel reading

Matthew 6: 1-21

When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get
a reward from your Father in heaven. When you give to the poor, don't
blow a loud horn. That's what show-offs do in the meeting places and
on the street corners, because they are always looking for praise. When
you give to the poor, don't let anyone know about it. Then your gift
will be given in secret. Your Father knows what is done in secret, and
he will reward you.

When you pray, don't be like those show-offs who love to stand up and pray in the meeting places and on the street corners. They do this just to look good. When you pray, go into a room alone and close the door. Pray to your Father in private. He knows what is done in private, and he will reward you.

When you go without eating, don't try to look gloomy as those show-offs do. Instead, comb your hair and wash your face. Then others won't know that you are going without eating. But your Father sees what is done in private, and he will reward you.

Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is.

Sermon

Led by Father John including Year 6 sharing their Lent intentions.

The Prayers

Prayers led by Year Six



The Blessing of Ashes

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**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also 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 thanks and praise.

*The Priest will continue with prayer, until:
“... and join with saints and angels forever praising you and saying,”*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Priest will continue with prayer, until:
“And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.”
All: Amen*

The Lord’s Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**



Breaking of the Bread

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

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Communion and Imposition of Ashes

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.

All are invited to come forward to receive the sign of the cross in ash on their foreheads. We also receive Communion or a blessing.

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

All **Amen**

Hymn

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up, the night is
behind.

Go down in the city, into the street,
and let's give the message to the
people we meet.

So light up the fire and let the flame
burn,
open the door, let Jesus return,
Take seeds of his Spirit,
let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus,
let his love show.

Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on, it never goes
down.

The light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness are needing
a friend.

Cont. ...



So light up the fire and let the flame
burn,
open the door, let Jesus return,
Take seeds of his Spirit,
let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus,
let his love show.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come, the sun came
to die.
The evening draws on, the sun
disappears,
but Jesus is living, his Spirit is near.

So light up the fire and let the flame
burn,
open the door, let Jesus return,
Take seeds of his Spirit,
let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus,
let his love show.

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen**



