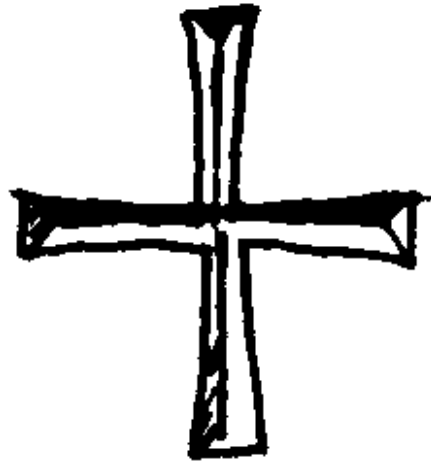


St Andrew's Church, Bedford
COMMON WORSHIP



ORDER FOR THE EUCHARIST
ON ASH WEDNESDAY



The Gathering

A period of quiet prayer precedes the service as the organ is played.

Please stand at the entry of the cross.

A Hymn is sung. Hymn numbers are on the boards.

The Greeting

The president may say

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

The President explains the meaning of Lent and invites the people to observe it faithfully.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days
Christians have observed with great devotion the
time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and
prepared for this by a season of penitence and
fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to
heart the call to repentance and the assurance of
forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in
faith and in devotion to our Lord.

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.

The Collect

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Please sit. At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A hymn is sung.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel is introduced with these words.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God,

O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

cf Psalm 95.3,8

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to N.

All ♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All ♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Taizé chant (SASP 21) may be sung:

All ♪ **Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

Sermon

Please sit after the opening prayer



The Liturgy of Penitence

Self-examination and Confession

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

All God the Father,
have mercy on us.

All God the Son,
have mercy on us.

All God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

All Trinity of love,
have mercy on us.

Most merciful God,
All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you
with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

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.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you, Lord ...
all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and
impatience of our lives.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our anger at our own frustration
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts
and our dishonesty in daily life and work.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Accept our repentance, Lord ...
for the wrongs we have done,
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgements,
for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours
and for our prejudice and contempt
towards those who differ from us.

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation
and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from
us.

All **Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

All **that we may show your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

All **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Silence is kept.

All **We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The 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.

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.**

All who wish to may receive the imposition of ashes.
At the imposition the minister says to each person:

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

The Kyrie may be said or sung

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**



The president says

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble
and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Stand. The president introduces the Peace with these or other words,

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
 and also with you.

A minister may say

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

A hymn is sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Merciful Father,
turn us from sin to faithfulness
and from disobedience to love,
and prepare us to celebrate
the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**



All *♪* The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All *♪* Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All *♪* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and saying:

All ♪ **Holy, 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his
friends

and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [N and] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

Sit or kneel

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to 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, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Giving of Communion

The president says

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

This prayer of Humble Access is said

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.**

The Agnus Dei is said or sung.

**All ♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

The president and people receive communion.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.



Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son to be for us
both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life.
give us grace
that we may always most thankfully receive
these his inestimable gifts,
and also daily endeavour
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All may say this prayer

All **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.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

This responsory may be used

All This is love, not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son.

All He is the sacrifice for our sins,
that we might live through him.

All If God loves us so much
we ought to love one another.

All If we love one another
God lives in us.

cf 1 John 4.12

The Dismissal Gospel

This Dismissal Gospel may be used

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

Luke 15.4-7

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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.**

A hymn is sung.

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**