



The **Scottish Episcopal Church**

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**Season of Lent**

# **The Eucharist**

**2021 revised 1982 liturgy**

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# **Eucharist in Lent – 2021 revised 1982 liturgy**

## **Opening hymn/music**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Summary of the Law**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind  
and with all Your strength."

The second is this:

"Love your neighbour as yourself."

There is no other commandment greater than these.  
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers of Penitence**

God is love and we are God's children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because God loved us first.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Sit*

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,  
+ forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

Kyrie eleison.                                    or

**Kyrie eleison.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison.

**Christe eleison.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison.

**Kyrie eleison.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Collect of the day**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Some or all of the First Reading, Psalm, Second Reading &*

**Gospel** *When it is announced:*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

at end:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

*scripture readings for the day from the SEC Lectionary which can be found at*

<http://www.rjpmedia.co.uk/SEC/lectionary.html>

**A Homily or Reflection** may be presented

**The Nicene Creed** – on Sundays and Festival Days

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit/Kneel*

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*- the forms on pages 15ff may be used*

*Prayer is offered*

- *for the world and its people,*
- *for those who suffer and those in need,*
- *for the Church and its members*

**Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer**

*Or*

**Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us**

*Or another Versicle and Response may be introduced*

*ending*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
**St John the Evangelist/St Margaret of Scotland our Patron**  
and the all the Saints,  
we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Stand if you are able*

## The Peace

We meet in Christ's name:  
**Let us share his peace.**



*All may exchange a sign of peace in the church building and to those at home and online*

**Hymn** or music maybe used

## The Taking of the Bread and the Wine

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.  
**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory,  
the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you,  
and of your own we give you.**



## Eucharistic Prayer III

Returning to God (Suitable for Lent and Passontide)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you,  
maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,  
brings a harvest out of sorrow  
and leads the exiles home.

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
*Celebrating the work of Father, Son and Spirit, in creating, restoring and bringing to completion, all that belongs to God.*

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,  
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome

Your Spirit frees us  
to live as sons and daughters  
in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power  
follow the way of the Cross,  
sharing the joy of his obedience,  
now offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

**SANCTUS:**  
*An anthem to God's glory*

**BENEDICTUS:**  
*The greeting to the one who  
came in the flesh, comes in the  
sacrament and is still to come.*

*Congregation sit/kneel*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Father,  
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

**CHRISTOLOGICAL  
PRAYER:**  
*Thanksgiving to God for all  
that was accomplished in the  
life, death and resurrection of*

Lifted on the Cross,  
his suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf our sins had made.

Through that dark struggle  
death was swallowed up in victory,  
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,  
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,  
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:

*"Take, eat.*

*This is my Body: it is broken for you."*

**NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION:**  
*An account of the Last Supper.*

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:

*"Drink this, all of you.*

*This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."*



**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**



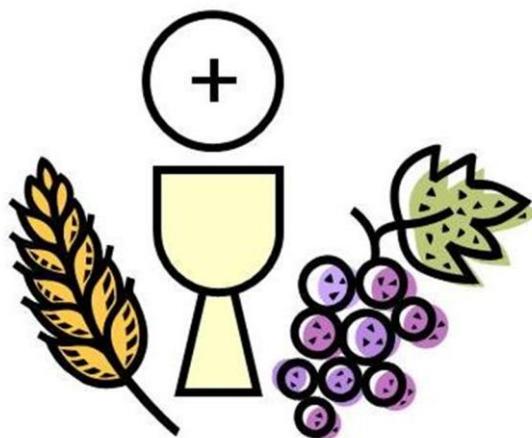
Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**EPICLESIS:**  
*We ask for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the divine response to our obedience.*

**Help us,  
who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters  
living and departed.**

**PRAYER OF PETITION:**  
*As members of the Church  
we pray for its whole life and  
mission.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**



## **The Breaking of the Bread**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily  
bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Do not bring us  
to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the  
power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*or* As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

**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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## Receiving Communion

*If you normally receive Holy Communion in your Church you are welcome to do so here. Please follow the directions of the sides people in your building.*



**Hymn** or music maybe used

*we hold silence together*

### Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God:  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

### Post Communion Prayer of the day is said or one of these prayers is chosen

- (a) Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all the world; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
- (b) Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(c) Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Notices** *may be given out*

*Stand if you are able*

## **The Blessing**

### **Ash Wednesday to Lent 4**

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

### **Lent 5 and Holy Week**

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

**Amen**

*(Hymn here or at the end)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ Amen.**

## **Hymn/Music**

*Refreshments are usually served on a Sunday – do stay and say hello.*

*Thank you for coming today*



## **APPENDIX** **FORMS OF INTERCESSION**

### **Form 1**

Through Jesus, whom we confess as Lord,  
we give thanks and praise to the Father,  
calling on the one who is judge of all:  
Father, your kingdom come.

**Father, your kingdom come.**

For all the peoples of the world;  
that they may know you as the God of peace,  
we pray to you, O Lord:

**Father, your kingdom come.**

For nations, for leaders and governments;  
that integrity may mark all their dealings,  
we pray to you O Lord:

**Father, your kingdom come.**

For all who labour for righteousness;  
that your presence and help may give them courage,  
we pray to you, O Lord:

**Father, your kingdom come.**

For communities torn by dissension and strife;  
that your forgiveness may bring them healing,  
we pray to you, O Lord:

**Father, your kingdom come.**

For the anxious, the lonely, the bereaved;  
that consolation and peace may be theirs,  
we pray to you, O Lord:

**Father, your kingdom come.**

For the Church, your household and family;  
that we may be firm in the confession of our hope,  
we pray to you, O Lord:

**Father, your kingdom come.**

For ... our Bishop, and for all who bear Christ's name;  
that their lives may proclaim your glory,  
we pray to you, O Lord:  
**Father, your kingdom come.**

For those who are separated from us by death;  
that theirs may be the kingdom which is unshakeable,  
we pray to you, O Lord:  
**Father, your kingdom come.**

O God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great Shepherd of the sheep:  
make us perfect in all goodness to do your will  
and to be what you would have us be;  
through him to whom be glory for ever,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Form 2

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in whom you chose us, before the foundation of the world,  
and destined us in love to be your own:  
help us to pray for all your children.  
For the life of the world;  
that your peace may be known and may prevail:

For ...

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who suffer injury, death or loss;  
that they may know the hope to which you call us:

For ...

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who exercise rule and authority;  
that they may acknowledge your power:

For ...

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the Church which is Christ's body;  
that it may live for the praise of your glory:

For ...

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

O God, you exerted your strength and power  
when you raised Christ from the dead,  
putting everything in subjection beneath his feet:  
accept the prayers which we offer in his name  
for the world you have created and redeemed;  
through him in whom you have set forth  
the mystery of your will,  
to unite all things in heaven and on earth,  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Form 3

To the one God  
let us make our requests with thanksgiving,  
to the one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human.

I ask your prayers for peace in the life of the world ...  
Pray for God's peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who suffer injury,  
sickness and loss ...  
Pray for all who are afflicted.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who wield authority and influence ...  
Pray for all who exercise power.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all whom we have wronged ...  
Pray for all who hate us.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for our bishop(s) ...  
and for all whom Christ has appointed to his service ...  
Pray for God's people.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for ...

*Silence*

Give thanks to God for all in whom Christ has been honoured,  
(especially ... )

*Silence*

O God, whose will it is  
that all should find salvation  
and come to know the truth:  
receive the prayers and petitions  
which we offer in faith and love;

through him who gave proof of your purpose,  
and who sacrificed himself  
to win freedom for all the world,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ALTERNATIVE USE AT OFFERTORY

### Prayers of Offering

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made:  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands;  
it will become the cup of our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### Pastoral Care

At St John's and St Margaret's we have Pastoral Assistants who visit people in their homes and also take Holy Communion to those unable to get to church. The Rector also visits people in their homes to talk about their spiritual well-being, and helps in times of distress or anxiety. Please do ask about this if it would be an assistance to you in your spiritual journey.

### Study and ongoing Prayer

During the course of our Christian discipleship we sometimes meet together to discuss, reflect, pray and learn about aspects of the Christian faith. There are usually groups in Lent for you to join in with as well. Groups are open to all people who would like to engage with their journey of faith. For some this is a starting point in deepening their spiritual awareness and for others it is a vital link in being with

others of a similar mind and awareness. Please look our for groups in the pewsheets.

**Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, Weddings, Funerals, Thanksgivings, Confession/Reconciliation, Home Blessings** are all part of our ministry in the Episcopal Church. Along with Anglicans around the world we mark stages on our life journey with prayer and reference to God in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit is a powerful presence with us in life when we turn to God for consolation and guidance.

**Spiritual Direction/Spiritual Accompaniment** is a regular one-to-one way of growing in our spiritual lives too and all of these may be accessed by asking the Rector to meet with you and make the arrangements for your spiritual journey and needs.

## **Some useful online links**

Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway

[www.glasgow.anglican.org](http://www.glasgow.anglican.org)

Scottish Episcopal Church Provincial website

[www.scotland.anglican.org](http://www.scotland.anglican.org)

Anglican Communion website

[www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org)

Diocesan Monthly Cycle of Prayer

<https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/resources/prayer-cycle/>

Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer

[https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/422641/acp\\_from-aba-to-zululand-2021-to-2023\\_web.pdf](https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/422641/acp_from-aba-to-zululand-2021-to-2023_web.pdf)

Scottish Episcopal Institute Monthly Prayer Diary

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/vocation-and-ministry/sei/>

Scottish Episcopal Church Faith in Action monthly Prayer guides

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/faith-in-action/>

## **Daily Prayer in the SEC**

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

**Pray as you go** – as a website or downloadable App

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

**Epiphany Group Scotland** <http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/>

Offering prayer resources to help you grow in prayer

**Ignatian Spirituality Centre Glasgow**

<https://www.onlineprayer.net/>

For online prayer tools, and programmes to follow as well as seasonal courses

**Sacred Space** website <https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

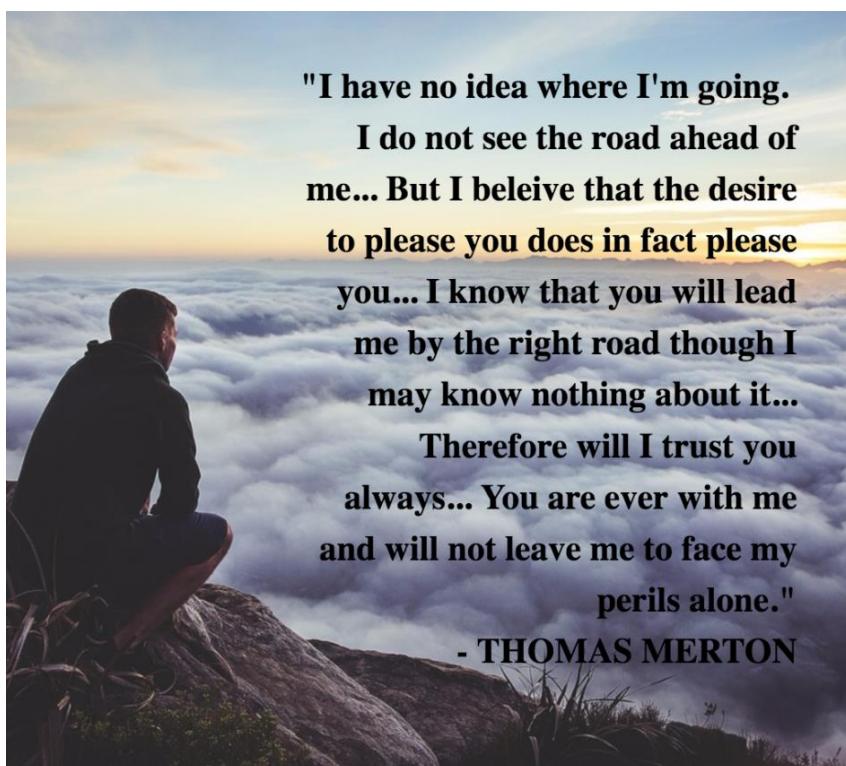
**World Community for Christian Mediation** <https://wccm.org/>

For courses, daily meditations and resources, courses and events

**Christian Meditation in the UK**

<https://www.christianmeditation.org.uk/>

Resources and prayer tools to help you draw closer to God





## The Joint Charges of St John's Johnstone & St Margaret's Renfrew



# Scottish Episcopal Church

## The Holy Eucharist and Ashing ceremonies for use on Ash Wednesday

The words of this liturgy are authorised for use by the SEC General Synod for all Scottish Episcopal Churches.

The ashes for this service are made by burning the palm crosses from last year – reminding us of the pilgrimage of our journey and Christ's constant renewal in the years of our life – ever moving on and forward.

## Notes

Lent is the season in the Church year during which all those who are baptised prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery – the Passion – the suffering, death and Resurrection of Christ. In order that this Paschal mystery should be realised in the lives of Christians, Lent is a time of self-examination and self-discipline accompanied by individual and communal acts of devotion. Penitence forms a part of Lenten discipline in a context where we recall the events of our redemption and seek spiritual growth so that our baptism may be fully realised in our lives.

The Church therefore marks the beginning of Lent with a liturgy that brings into focus the themes and intentions of the season. Ash was a symbol of grief and mourning in many ancient cultures and had become a sign of repentance before the dawn of Christianity. The cross marked on the forehead was likewise an ancient symbol of salvation (known as such in the Psalms of Solomon and the Dead Sea Scrolls, and originating in the exegesis of Ezekiel 9). The sign of the cross acquired its full significance when the cross became the instrument of our Lord's death.

The rite of imposition of ashes traditionally forms part of the Ash Wednesday Eucharist. In some congregations this may not be possible, in which case it can be included in the liturgy for the Sunday before Lent or for the first Sunday of Lent, or on any of the intervening days. In congregations in which there is no celebration of the Eucharist during this period, this rite can be incorporated into *A Service of the Word*. If used on a Sunday, the Collect and readings of that Sunday should be used; if on a weekday, those for Ash Wednesday should be used.

From <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/A-Rite-for-the-Beginning-of-Lent-B.pdf>

# The Eucharist on Ash Wednesday

*Music may be played before the service to help people prepare*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

*The festival maybe described and explained*

## The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you despise 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 brokenness,  
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.

**All Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING Joel 2.1-2,12-17

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.  
Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!



Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
nor will be again after them  
in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.

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?

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;  
assemble the aged;  
gather the children,  
even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.

Let them say, ‘Spare your people, O Lord,  
and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,  
“Where is their God?” ’  
For the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**Responsorial Psalm 51.1–18**

**R Have mercy on me, O God, and cleanse me from my sin.**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight. **R**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgement. **R**
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure;  
wash me and I shall be clean indeed. **R**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me. **R**
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
and sinners shall return to you. **R**

- 15 Deliver me from death, O God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation. R
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. R
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. R

**SECOND READING**    2 Corinthians 5.20b – 6.10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 20 We entreat you on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.
- 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- 1 As we work together with him,  
we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.
- 2 For the Lord says,  
'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'  
See, now is the acceptable time;  
see, now is the day of salvation!
- 3 We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way,  
so that no fault may be found with our ministry,
- 4 but as servants of God we have commended  
ourselves in every way:  
through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships,  
calamities,
- 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights,  
hunger;
- 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit,
- 7 genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God;  
with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand  
and for the left;

- 8 in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute.  
We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;  
9 as unknown, and yet are well known;  
as dying, and see – we are alive;  
as punished, and yet not killed;  
10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;  
as poor, yet making many rich;  
as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

For the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

*A hymn/song.music maybe used to herald the gospel*

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 6.1–6, 16–21*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus said to the disciples,

- 1 ‘Beware of practising your piety before others  
in order to be seen by them;  
for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.
- 2 So whenever you give alms,  
do not sound a trumpet before you,  
as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets,  
so that they may be praised by others.  
Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.
- 3 But when you give alms,  
do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,  
4 so that your alms may be done in secret;  
and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- 5 And whenever you pray,  
do not be like the hypocrites;  
for they love to stand and pray  
in the synagogues and at the street corners,  
so that they may be seen by others.  
Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

- 6 But whenever 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 whenever you fast,  
do not look dismal, like the hypocrites,  
for they disfigure their faces  
so as to show others that they are fasting.  
Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.
- 17 But when you fast,  
put oil on your head and wash your face,
- 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others  
but by your Father who is in secret;  
and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- 19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moth and rust consume  
and where thieves break in and steal;
- 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor rust consumes  
and where thieves do not break in and steal.
- 21 For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

*Sit*

## **A Rite for the Beginning of Lent Address**

Dear friends in Christ, as we begin the season of Lent we are reminded that, in our Christian lives, we seek to realise the death of Jesus so that God may be glorified in our worship and through our witness in the world.

Saint Paul writes of ‘carrying around the death of Jesus in our bodies, so that the life of Jesus may be clearly shown in our bodies’ (2 Cor 4. 10).

It is through baptism that we die into Christ’s death (Rom 6. 3–4) so that we may share in his resurrection. In beginning our Lenten observance, we are therefore reminded of our baptism, and how Christ’s death on the cross may clearly be shown in our lives.

We now come before God in penitence, reflecting on our life in Christ. We pledge ourselves to observe this season of self-examination, discipline, and self-denial with sincerity, prayer, and reverent reflection on holy Scripture, seeking God’s purpose for us, and modelling our lives on the example of Christ Jesus.

*Kneel*

## The Litany

God the Father, **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, **have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief: from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy:  
from envy, hatred, and malice: and from all evil intent.  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness, and love of money:  
from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your  
laws,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind:  
from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil;  
from error and false doctrine,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow, in all times of joy:  
in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

Govern and direct your holy Church: fill it with love and truth:  
and grant it that unity which is your will.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to  
make disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding,  
that by their teaching and their lives  
they may proclaim your word.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to  
bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bring into the way of truth  
all who have erred and are deceived.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen those who stand:  
comfort and help the faint-hearted:  
raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us true repentance:  
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance  
and our deliberate sins:  
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to your holy word.  
**Holy God, Holy Strong, Holy Immortal**  
**Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

## **Act of Penitence**

Create in us clean hearts, O God:  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God,  
**Creator of heaven and earth,**  
**we confess that we have sinned**  
**in thought, word, and deed.**  
**We have not loved you with all our being,**  
**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves:**  
**we have disfigured your image in which we are made.**  
**In your mercy, forgive what we have been**  
**and what we have done,**  
**guide us and help us to amend our lives,**  
**and bring us to fullness of life in you,**  
**for the sake of your Son who died for us,**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence*

## **Imposition of Ashes**

Almighty God,  
you have compassion on all your children,  
and hate nothing you have made;  
you do not desire the death of sinners,  
but that they turn from their ways and live.

May these ashes be for us,  
who are redeemed through the cross of Christ,  
a sign of our death to sin,  
and the pledge of our life in Christ;  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

I invite you to receive the mark of Christ's cross,  
with which we are signed at Baptism,  
and by which we are forgiven our sins  
and live to the glory of God.

*The imposition of ashes may be received  
standing or kneeling,  
at the Font or before the Holy Table.*

*The imposition may be done in silence,  
or the following words can be used.*

You are redeemed by the Cross of Christ.

*or*

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

*Silence*



## **Prayer**

Lord God Almighty,  
your people are washed clean  
    in the saving flood of baptism, and born again:  
As we follow the way of the cross,  
we ask you to unseal for us the wellspring of your grace,  
cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy,  
and cause your gift of new life to flourish in us;  
grant this through Jesus Christ your Son,  
who sets us free from sin,  
and lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and  
mighty God, world without end.

**Amen**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

We meet in Christ's name  
**All let us share his peace.**



# Preparation of the Table

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory,  
the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth  
is yours. All things come from you,  
and of your own we give you.**



# The Eucharistic Prayer

- All**      The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**All**      **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All**      **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



Worship and praise belong to you,  
maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,  
brings a harvest out of sorrow  
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,  
debts forgiven  
and strangers made welcome

Your Spirit frees us  
to live as sons and daughters  
in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power  
follow the way of the Cross,  
sharing the joy of his obedience,  
now offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

*(sing/said)*

**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 sit or kneel*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Father,  
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the Cross,  
his suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf our sins had made.

Through that dark struggle  
death was swallowed up in victory,  
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,  
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,  
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
*"Take, eat.*  
*This is my Body: it is broken for you."*

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
*"Drink this, all of you.*  
*This is my Blood of the new covenant;*  
*it is poured out for you, and for all,*  
*that sins may be forgiven.*  
*Do this in remembrance of me."*

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

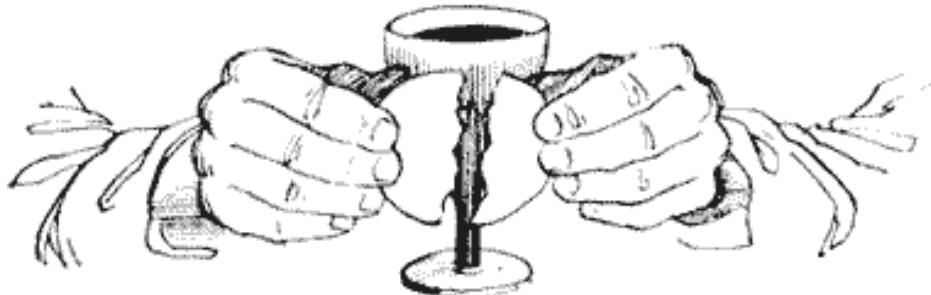
**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's  
Body to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters  
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages,  
world without end.

**Amen.**



# BREAKING OF THE BREAD



The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught  
us, so we pray:

*or*

As our Saviour Christ has  
commanded and taught us,  
we are bold to say:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily  
bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Do not bring us  
to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the  
power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**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.**

## **COMMUNION SONG**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**



## **COMMUNION**

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine (or a blessing by the Priest if preferred - in which case please keep your head bowed and hands clasped as the bread is offered)*

*At the giving of the bread:*

The Body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

*At the giving of the cup:*

The Blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*Songs/Hymns/music may be played during the administration of Holy Communion and the clearing up*

## **THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT**

Give thanks to our gracious God.  
**Whose mercy endures forever.**

## **Post Communion Prayer of the day**

God of compassion,  
through your Son Jesus Christ  
you reconciled your people to yourself.  
Following his example of prayer and fasting,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **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. **Amen.**



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **A Worship Resource**

from the Joint Charges of St John's Johnstone & St Margaret's Renfrew

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### **10 points of Guidance – on the Climate Crisis**

1. Seeking to reduce energy use in all our buildings and moving from oil/gas to electricity where possible
2. Implementing renewable energy solutions such as heat pumps and solar power on our property
3. Using less polluting forms of transport, moving to electric or hybrid cars, car sharing, wherever possible walking or cycling
4. Developing wildlife conservation schemes in our land
5. Using Fair Trade, environment- and animal-friendly products wherever possible
6. Reducing waste by composting and recycling as much of it as possible
7. Reducing paper usage (and then only using recycled paper)
8. Using online meetings often, but balanced with our need for human contact and Christian fellowship
9. Disseminating information on good practice, and seeking expert advice, practical help, and funding possibilities
10. Promoting sustainability through our preaching, liturgy and teaching, and setting a good example

In our contemporary world we know that people are celebrating their differences – we celebrate that too! We are churches for the diversity of all people – you are welcomed in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Please contact the Rector to speak about issues of faith and living.

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