

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

... Great is the mystery of faith.

*All* **Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life ...

... all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

SILENCE *is kept for a time*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup:

*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy 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.**

DURING COMMUNION THE CHOIR SING:

Hide not thou thy face & Call to remembrance Farrant

COMMUNION HYMN 136 **Jesu, grant me this, I pray ...**

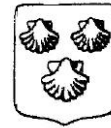
*Kneel* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## Dismissal

BLESSING

*Stand* HYMN 56 **Forty days and forty nights ...**  
*during which all turn towards the main door of the church*

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



THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREATER  
LEICESTER



# Ash Wednesday 2017

## Gathering

**Please stand** as the ministers enter in silence

*Vicar* The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:  
A broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Psalm 51.17

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

*All* **And also with you.**

EXPLANATION OF THE MEANING OF LENT

HYMN 156 **Come down , O Love divine ...**

COLLECT

*Choir* Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.* Batten  
Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## Liturgy of the Word

*Sit* READING : Isaiah 58.1-12

*Stand* THE GOSPEL : St Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew  
*All* **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit* SERMON

*Stand* HYMN 227 Lord, teach us how to pray aright ...

## Liturgy of Penitence

*Vicar* Let us now call to mind our sins and the infinite mercy of God.

***Kneel or sit***

*Vicar* O God the Father of heaven:

*All* **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son:

**Have mercy upon us.**

O Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,  
three persons and one God:

**Have mercy upon us.**

LITANY

*after each petition*

*All* **Good Lord deliver us.**

*until:*

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.

*All* **Holy God,  
Holy and strong,  
Holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

SILENCE *is kept for a time*

*after which is said:*

*All* **Make our hearts clean, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within us.**

*Vicar* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All* **Father eternal,  
giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
though our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*After words of invitation, and a prayer,  
first the choir and then the congregation move forward  
for the signing of the cross on the forehead with ashes.*

*Choir* Psalm 51

PRAYER

*Stand* THE PEACE  
... the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

HYMN 432 **What does the Lord require ...**

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Vicar* The Lord is here.  
*All* **His spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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