

**Guildford Churches Together Ash Wednesday Eucharist
with Imposition of Ashes**

Welcome

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn Forty days and forty nights

All music sung by the choir of St Martin's-in-the-Fields, London.

The president introduces the service before this prayer.

All **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. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2.1-2, 12-17

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10

At the end of each reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Lord Jesus think on me

Gospel Reading: John 8.1-11

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.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

At the end of the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Self-examination and Confession

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

God the Father,

All **have mercy on us.**

God the Son,

All **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

All **have mercy on us.**

Trinity of love,

All **have mercy on us.**

All **Most merciful God,**

we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

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.**

Silence is kept.

Imposition of Ashes

The president invites people to make the sign of the cross on their forehead or hands with ash, dust or mud before pronouncing God's forgiveness.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Hymn Just as I am

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **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 thanks and praise.**

...for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

The president recalls the Last Supper

...we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All **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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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.**

Music during Communion Lamb of God from the Mass of St. Cedd, Nardone

Prayer after Communion

This is love, not that we loved God,

All **but that he loved us and sent his Son.**

He is the sacrifice for our sins,

All **that we might live through him.**

If we love one another

All **God lives in us.**

The Dismissal

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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