

## **Imposition of Ashes & Family Eucharist**

**Gathering Song**

*Stay with Me* WLP 826 J. Berthier

### **The Liturgy for Ash Wednesday**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

God of mercy, you love everything that you have made. You forgive the sins of all who are truly sorry. Make our hearts clean, that we will tell you what we have done wrong. We know that you will heal us, forgive us, and bless us; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Gospel** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 from The Bible for Children, retold by M. Watts

Jesus taught his disciples many things about prayer. “Don’t go around telling everyone how much you pray, or draw attention to yourself by praying loudly on a street corner. Go into your own room, shut the door quietly and pray in secret to your Father in heaven. God will see you there and reward you.” One day, Jesus told a story about two people who prayed. One was full of himself and his own goodness: “There once was a Pharisee who went into the temple and he prayed like this: ‘Thank you, God, that I am not like other people, greedy, dishonest, lying—and I am not like that tax collector over there, who cheats everyone. I fast twice a week and I give a tenth of all my money to the temple.’ Meanwhile, the other person lowered his eyes to the ground because he was so ashamed of himself. He could hardly bring himself to say anything. He was wringing his hands and weeping, ‘O God, have mercy on me, a sinner!’ “Which prayer did God hear?” asked Jesus, as his disciples looked at each other, knowing there were times when they too were proud and thought they were better than others. “I can tell you, Jesus said, “God heard that poor tax collector’s prayer and forgave him, but the Pharisee went away without God’s forgiveness.”

Gospeler

The Gospel of the Savior.

People

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Homily**

### **The Invitation to a Holy Lent**

Dear Friends: Every year we tell the story of Jesus' last days with his disciples, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. In this season called Lent, we get ready for the great mystery of Easter by looking at our lives to see how we can more closely follow God. We pray, we study the Bible, we reach out to others who need our help, we focus on what we need instead of what we want. To begin, we now kneel before God and tell God that we are sorry for what we have done wrong, and ask God to forgive us.

### **The Blessing of the Ashes**

Almighty God, you created us out of the dust of the earth, and we are your people. Let these ashes be a sign that we belong to you, and because you love us, you have made us forever yours, on earth and in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

### **The Imposition of the Ashes**

Ashes are placed on the forehead or on the back of the hand with the words, "Remember that you belong to God, and that God loves you."

**Psalm 103**

*Bless the Lord, my soul*

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### **The Litany of Penitence** (said responsively by leader and people)

God of mercy and love, we confess to you and to each other that we have not lived the way you want us to live. We are truly sorry, and we ask you to forgive us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as you have forgiven us.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

We are proud, impatient, angry. We envy others who have more than we do. We do not share what we have.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

We turn away when others need our help. We are not kind. We do not care.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

Wash us from our wrongdoing, and make us clean from sin.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

### **The Absolution**

### **The Peace**

### **Greeting & Notices**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### At the Presentation

Celebrant	All things come of you, O Lord;
People	<i>And of your own we have given you.</i>

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	<i>And also with you.</i>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	<i>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</i>

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

#### The Eucharistic Prayer (said by Celebrant)

We thank you, Holy God, that you sent Jesus to be born into this world and live among us. People had turned away from you and no longer loved each other the way you loved us. Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to your love and now brings us together to this table to remember God's love for us and for all people.

The night before he died when Jesus was at supper with his friends, he took bread and gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

When supper was ended, Jesus took a cup of wine, thanked you, and gave it to his

friends saying: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Life-giving God, we ask your blessing on our gifts of bread and wine and make them holy. Fill us with the joy of the Holy Spirit as we receive this bread and wine and then send us out in peace to share your love with the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We are one bread, one body.

People *We will love one another as Christ loves us.*

The Invitation to Communion

**Communion Song**

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The Postcommunion Prayer (said by all)

*God of grace, we thank you for feeding us in this holy sacrament. Send us now into the world in gladness and peace, and grant us gentleness, strength and courage to love, serve and forgive in your name. Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

God's blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. *Amen.*

### The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People *Thanks be to God.*

### Retiring Procession