

The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
2 March 2022
Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. **Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes (BCP)**

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Opening Sentences

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Opening Hymn: **105 Forty days and forty nights**

Heinlein

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.

4. And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, he vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.

2. Sunbeams scorching all the day;
Chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
Prowling beasts about thy way;
Stones thy pillow; earth thy bed.

5. So shall we have peace divine;
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.

3. Shall not we thy trial share,
And from earthly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain?

6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side;
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

Exhortation

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The Collect for Ash Wednesday

The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 103:8-18

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Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Nicene Creed

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The Sermon

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The Act of Penitence

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The Imposition of Ashes

Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your precious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

The Absolution

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

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Offertory Hymn: **110 By the Holy Spirit sent**

St. Bees

By the Holy Spirit sent,
Jesus to the desert went,
That he might his children show
How sin's power to overthrow.

3. When the devil at his side
Tried to make him sin through pride,
He would give no outward sign
That he was God's Son divine.

2. With a word he could have made
Bread from stones around him laid,
Yet till forty days were past
Still he kept a holy fast.

4. Calmly he refused to win
By a single act of sin
Of the whole wide world the throne;
He would worship God alone.

5. Since our loving Saviour thus
Kept a sacred Lent for us,
We, through him, can conquer sin
And a royal victory win.

Thanksgiving and Consecration

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The Peace and Prayer of Humble Access

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The Communion

Anthem: **Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts**

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The Blessing

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
Who in thy sacrament dost deign to be;
Both flesh and spirit at thy presence fail,
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

2. O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
Who living Bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
And thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

3. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse us unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

4. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
The vision of thy glory and thy grace.