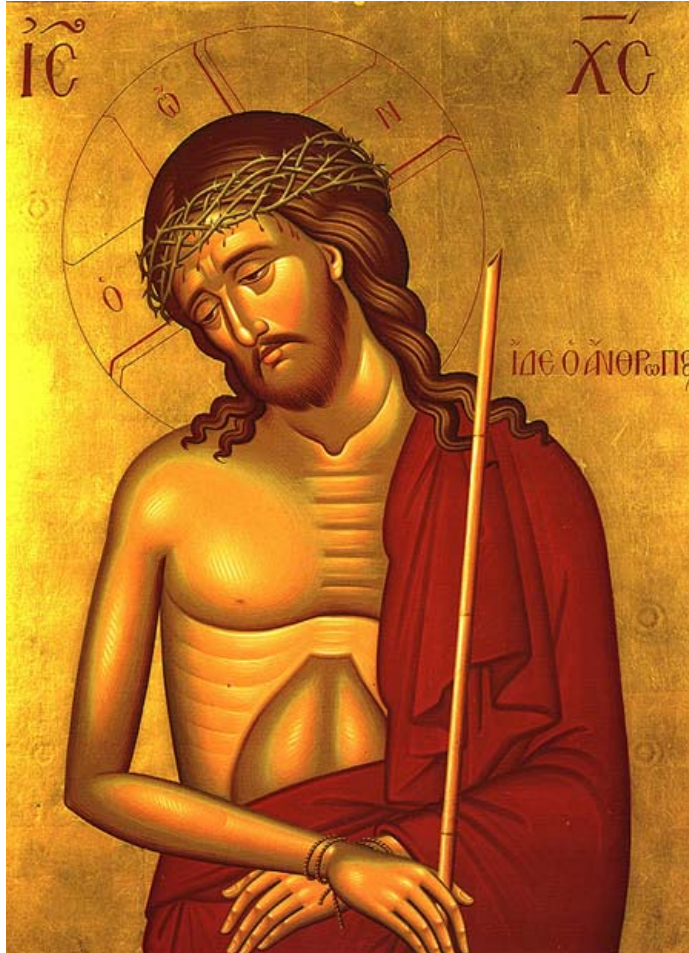




THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
ALL SAINTS

Wednesday February 17th 2021 at 6:00 PM

Evensong for Ash Wednesday



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom

Sung by the University of King's College Chapel Choir

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Introit

Emendemus In Melius

W. BYRD (C.1540-1623)

Emendemus in melius quae ignoranter peccavimus;
ne subito praeoccupati die mortis, quaeramus spatium poenitentiae, et invenire non
possimus.

Attende, Domine, et miserere; quia peccavimus tibi.

Adjuva nos, Deus salutaris noster, et propter honorem nominis tui libera nos.

*Let us amend for the better those things in which we have sinned through ignorance;
lest suddenly overtaken by the day of death, we seek space for repentance, and be not able to find it.*

Hearken, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against thee.

Help us, O God of our salvation, and for the honour of thy name deliver us.

Exhortation

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Confession

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 them that 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.

Preces

T. MORLEY (c.1557-1602)

Precentor:

O Lord, open thou our lips;

O God, make speed to save us;

*GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;*

Praise ye the Lord;

Choir:

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm

102 *Domine, exaudi.*

M. CAMIDGE

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, / and let my crying come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: / incline thine ear unto me; O hear me when I call, and that right soon.

3 For my days consume away like smoke, / and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.

4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass; / for I forget to eat my bread.

5 For the voice of my groaning, / my bones cleave to my flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness, / and like an owl that is in the desert.

7 I watch, and am even as it were a sparrow, / that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long; / and they that are mad against me use my name as a curse.

9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread, / and mingled my drink with weeping;
10 And that because of thine indignation and wrath; / for thou hast taken me up and cast me down.
11 My days are gone like a shadow; / and I am withered like grass.
12 BUT thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever, / and thy remembrance throughout all generations.
13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion; / for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.
14 And why? thy servants think upon her stones, / and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.
15 The nations shall fear thy Name, O LORD, / and all the kings of the earth thy majesty;
16 When the LORD hath built up Sion, / and when he hath appeared in his glory;
17 When he hath turned him unto the prayer of the poor destitute, / and hath not despised their desire.
18 This shall be written for those that come after; / and a people which shall be born shall praise the LORD.
19 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary; / out of the heaven did the LORD behold the earth;
20 That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity, / and deliver them that are appointed unto death;
21 That they may declare the Name of the LORD in Sion, / and his worship in Jerusalem;
22 When the peoples are gathered together, / and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.
23 HE hath brought down my strength in my journey, / and shortened my days.
24 I will say, 'O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age; / as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.'
25 Thou, LORD, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; / and the heavens are the work of thy hands.
26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: / they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; / but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.
28 The children of thy servants shall continue, / and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.
GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 58

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Office Hymn The Lent Prose (*Attende Domine.*)

MODE V

Refrain: Attende Domine, et miserere,
quia peccavimus tibi.

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.*

1 Ad te Rex summe, omnium redemptor,
Oculos nostros sublevamus flentes:
Exaudi, Christe, supplicantum preces. *Refrain*

*To thee, great King, Redeemer of us all:
we lift our weeping eyes
Listen, O Christ, to our supplications.*

2 Dexterâ Patris, lapis angularis,
Via salutis janua caelestis,
Ablue nostri maculas delicti. *Refrain*

*Right Hand of the Father, chief cornerstone,
Way of salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
cleanse us from all defilement.*

3 Rogamus, Deus, tuam majestatem:
auribus sacris gemitus exaudi:
crimina nostra placidus indulge. *Refrain*

*O God, we ask thee, through thy majesty:
bow down and hear thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses*

4 Tibi fatemur crimina admissa:
contrito corde pandimus occulta:
tua Redemptor, pietas ignoscat. *Refrain*

*Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution*

5 Innocens captus, nec repugnans ductus,
Testibus falsis pro impiis damnatus:
quos redemisti, tu conserva, Christe. *Refrain*

*Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, for us sinners sentenced,
save us, O Christ, whom you have redeemed.*

Words: 10th cent. Mozarabic Hymn

Magnificat Tone V with Fauxbourdons by O. GIBBONS (1583-1625)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson Hebrews 3. 12 – 4. 13

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Nunc Dimittis Tone V with Fauxbourdons by GIBBONS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lenten Exhortation

BRETHREN, in the primitive Church it was the custom to observe with great devotion the days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, and to prepare for the same by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided also a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for holy Baptism. It was also a time when such persons as had, by reason of notorious sins, been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled and restored to the fellowship of the Church by penitence and forgiveness. Thereby the whole Congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution contained in the Gospel of our Saviour, and of the need which all Christians continually have, of a renewal of their repentance and faith. I therefore invite you, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditation upon God's holy Word.

Lesson **Joel 2. 12 – 18**

Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people.



Psalm 51*Miserere mei, Deus.*


G. ALLEGRI (1582-1652)

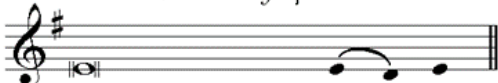
1 Miserere mei, Deus:
secundum magnam misericordiam tuam
2 Et secundum multitudinem miserationum
tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.
3 Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea:
et a peccato meo munda me.
4 Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco:
et peccatum meum contra me est semper.
5 Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci:
ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis,
et vincas cum judicaris.
6 Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum:
et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.
7 Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et
occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.
8 Asperges me hysopo, et mundabor:
lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.
9 Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitiam:
et exultabunt ossa humiliata.
10 Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis:
et omnes iniquitates meas dele.
11 Cor mundum crea in me, Deus:
et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.
12 Ne proicias me a facie tua: et spiritum
sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.
13 Redde mihi laetitiam salutaris tui:
et spiritu principali confirma me.
14 Docebo iniquos vias tuas:
et impii ad te convertentur.
15 Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus
salutis meae: et exultabit lingua mea justitiam
tuam.
16 Domine, labia mea aperies: et os meum
annuntiabit laudem tuam.
17 Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem
utique: holocaustis non delectaberis.
18 Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus: cor
contritum, et humiliatum, Deus, non despicias.
19 Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua
Sion: ut aedificentur muri Ierusalem.
20 Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae,
oblationes, et holocausta: tunc imponent super
altare tuum vitulos.

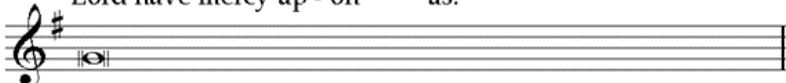
1 *Have mercy upon me, O God,
after thy great goodness;*
2 *According to the multitude of thy mercies do away
mine offences.*
3 *Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.*
4 *For I acknowledge my faults,
and my sin is ever before me.*
5 *Against thee only have I sinned, and done that which
is evil in thy sight; that thou mightest be justified when
thou speakest, and clear when thou dost judge.*
6 *Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness,
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.*
7 *But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and
shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.*
8 *Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*
9 *Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.*
10 *Turn thy face from my sins,
and put out all my misdeeds.*
11 *Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*
12 *Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not
thy holy spirit from me.*
13 *O give me the comfort of thy help again,
and stablish me with a free spirit.*
14 *Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked,
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*
15 *Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, the God of
my salvation; and my tongue shall sing of thy
righteousness.*
16 *O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall
show forth thy praise.*
17 *For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it;
but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.*
18 *The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken
and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.*
19 *O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; build thou
the walls of Jerusalem.*
20 *Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of
righteousness, with the burnt offerings and oblations;
then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.*

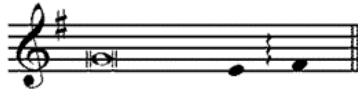
Versicles & Responses for Ash Wednesday

Minister  (All Kneel) 
 Let us pray. Lord have mercy up - on us.

People 
 Christ have mercy up - on us.

Minister 
 Lord have mercy up - on us.

All 
 Our Father who art in heaven But deliver us from evil. Amen.



Minister O Lord, save thy ser-vants;

People That put their trust **in** thee.

Minister Send unto them help from a-bove;

People And evermore mightily defend **them**.

Minister Help us, O God our Sa-viour;

People And for the glory of thy Name deliver us;
 be merciful unto us sinners, for thy **Name's** sake.

Minister O Lord, hear **our** prayer;

People And let our cry come un-to thee.

Collect for Ash Wednesday

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hast nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved: Mercifully forgive our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare, O Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgement with thy servants, who truly repent us of our faults, but so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then shall the Priest and people say:

TURN thou us, O good Lord, **and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, Spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And according to the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest and People.

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge; But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; To decline from sin, and incline to virtue; That we may walk with a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.

Priest. Remember, O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

People. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Priest. Lord, hear our prayer;

People. **And let our cry come unto thee.**

Priest. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who forgavest the people of Nineveh when they repented in sackcloth and ashes: Mercifully grant that we, truly repenting of our sins, may obtain of thee perfect pardon and release; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O GOD our Father, who makest thy sun to rise upon the evil and upon the good, and sendest rain upon the just and upon the unjust: Help us to love our enemies, and to forgive those who trespass against us, that we may receive of thee the forgiveness of our sins, and be made thy children in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following anthem is sung by the choir, all kneeling :

O KING all glorious amid thy saintly company, / who ever shalt be praised:

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, / and we are called by thy holy Name.

Leave us not, O our God; / but grant us that with a pure conscience we may duly keep the
Paschal Feast,

And at the day of judgement / be placed in the number of thy Saints and chosen ones, King
most blessed.

Then the Minister alone shall say :

THE LORD bless us, and keep us. The LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The LORD lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. **Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

All those present are welcome to receive the Imposition of Ashes at the Chancel steps, kneeling as at Communion, if they so desire. As a COVID precaution, ashes will be applied to the forehead using a Q-tip, disposed of after each use. Alternatively, ashes can be sprinkled on the head. Those who wish to receive in this way can indicate this to the priest by tilting their head forward

During this time the organist will play the Chorale Prelude "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß" (O Man, bewail thy grievous sin) by J. S. Bach (BWV 622)

