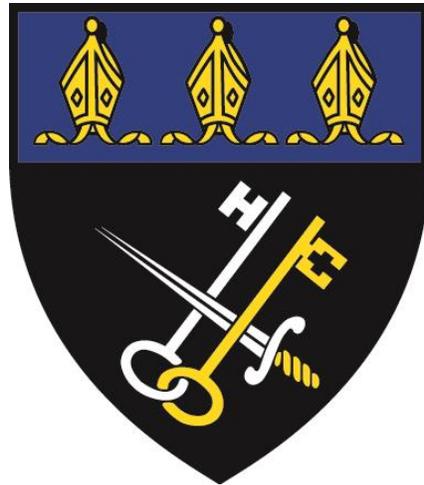


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ASH WEDNESDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST

with

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Wednesday 17th February 2020
7.30pm

ORGAN MUSIC
Meditation on ‘Southwell’
Alan Bullard (b.1947)

HYMN

1. Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

2. Lord Jesus, think on me
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

Words: *Mnoeo Christe*, Synesius of Cyrene (375–430)
translated Allen Chatfield (1808-96)

Music: SOUTHWELL
adapted by W. Daman (1540–91)

THE WELCOME

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord’s passion and resurrection by preparing for this through penitence and fasting. Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of sins forgiven. I invite you, therefore, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy word.

The choir sings:

THE KYRIES

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

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

Music: Mass for Four Voices
William Byrd (1540–1623)

THE COLLECT

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

Silence is kept.

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.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Isaiah 58. 1–12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings:

PSALM 51 (vv.1-10)

Have mercy upon me O God after thy great goodness:
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:
and cleanse me from my sins.

For I acknowledge my faults:
and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned and done evil in thy sight:
so that thou art just in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgement.

Behold I was shapen in wickedness:
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo thou hast laid up truth in the inward man:
and hast taught me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean:
thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness:
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins:
and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

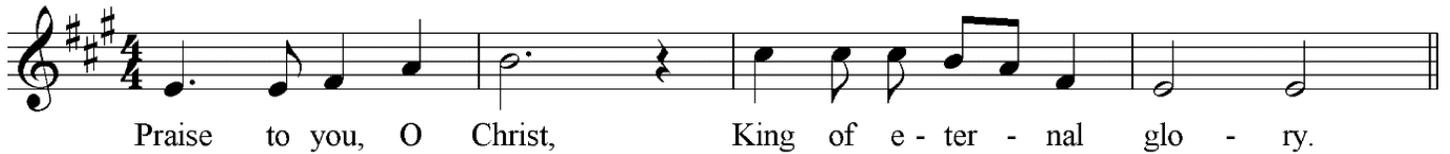
So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, ‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’ See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

2 Corinthians 5.20b–6.10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL



Choir 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.

Listen the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

“**B**eware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6. 1–6, 16-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Canon Precentor

The choir sings:

THE LITANY

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice;
and from all evil intent,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow;
in all times of joy;
in the hour of death,
and at the day of judgement,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work;
by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial;
by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection;
by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
Good Lord, deliver us.

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.

Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Silence is kept.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

As a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of preparation for Easter, I will receive on your behalf in ash the sign of the cross, the symbol of our salvation.

Lord, bless these ashes to our use and grant that they may remind us of our mortality and of our need of repentance so that we may keep Lent faithfully in preparation for the joy of Easter. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and believe the Gospel.

During the Imposition of Ashes, the choir sings:

In ieiunio et fletu orabant sacerdotes:

Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo;
et ne des haereditatem
tuam in perditionem.

Inter vestibulum et altare plorabant
sacerdotes, dicentes:
Parce populo tuo.

In fasting and weeping the priests prayed:

*Spare, Lord, spare thy people
and give not thine heritage
over to perdition.*

*Between the porch and the altar
the priests lamented, saying:
Spare thy people.*

Words: Joel 2. vv.12, 17

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God our Father, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, in our weakness, we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Music: MANNHEIM
Friedrich Filitz (1804–1976)

THE THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Priest continues:

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy

and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and saying:

The choir sings:

THE SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua;
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, in the highest.*

Hear us, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
his body and his blood;
who in the same night that he was betrayed
took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the
cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to
them, saying,

Drink from this, all of you;
for this is my blood of the new
covenant which is shed for you and for
many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Clyw ni, Dad nefol,
trwy Iesu Grist dy Fab ein Harglwydd.
Trwyddo ef derbyn ein haberth
o foliant, a chaniatâ, trwy nerth dy Ysbryd,
i'r rhoddion hyn o fara
a gwin fod i ni ei gorff a'i waed ef;
y nos y bradychwyd ef, cymerodd
fara a rhoi diolch i ti; fe'i torrodd
a'i roi i'w ddisgyblion, gan ddweud,
Cymerwch, bwytechwch; hwn yw fy
nghorff a roddir drosoch.

Gwnewch hyn er cof amdanaf.

Yr un modd, ar ôl swper, cymerodd y
cwpan a rhoi diolch i ti; fe'i rhoddodd
iddynt, gan ddweud,

Yfwch o hwn, bawb; oherwydd hwn
yw fy ngwaed i, gwaed y cyfamod
newydd, a dywelltir drosoch a thros
lawer er maddeuant pechodau.

Gwnewch hyn, bob tro yr yfwch ef,
er cof amdanaf.

Gadewch inni gyhoeddi dirgelwch y fydd:

Bu farw Crist.

Atgyfododd Crist.

Daw Crist mewn gogoniant.

Therefore, Father,
remembering the saving death and
resurrection of your Son we offer to you in
thanksgiving this bread and this cup,
your gifts to us, and we thank you for
counting us worthy to stand in your
presence and serve you. Send your Holy
Spirit upon all of us who share this bread
and this cup.

Strengthen our faith, make us one
and welcome us and all your people
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence to the
Father:

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

Felly, O Dad,
gan gofio angau achubol ac atgyfodiad dy
Fab, offrymwn i ti mewn diolch y bara hwn
a'r cwpan hwn, dy roddion inni,
a diolchwn i ti am ein cyfrif yn deilwng
i sefyll yn dy wŷdd a'th wasanaethu.
Anfon dy Ysbryd Glân ar bawb
ohonom sy'n rhannu'r bara hwn a'r cwpan
hwn.

Cryfha ein ffydd, gwna ni'n un
a chroesawa ni a'th holl bobl
i deyrnas ogoneddus dy Fab.
Trwyddo ef, gydag ef, ac ynddo ef,
yn undod yr Ysbryd Glân
eiddot ti, Dad hollalluog,
yw'r holl anrhydedd a'r gogoniant
yn oes oesoedd. **Amen.**

Fel y dysgodd ein Hiachawdwr ni,
gweddiwn yn hyderus:

**Ein Tad,
yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd,
sancteiddier dy enw,
deled dy deyrnas,
gwneled dy ewyllys;
megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol
a maddau i ni ein dyledion,
fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth;
eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.
Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas,
a'r gallu, a'r gogoniant,
yn oes oesoedd. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

The Priest breaks the bread.

We break this bread to share in the body
of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

During communion, the choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching day by day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrows share,
and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)
and George Smyttan (1822-70)

Music: AUS DER TIEFE
Martin Herbst (1654-81)

THE SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE BLESSING

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.
Amen.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Attende Domine
Jeanne Demessieux (1921-68)

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