

Saint Thomas's Anglican Church
Huron Street, Toronto



Ash Wednesday

Solemn Eucharist
6:15 pm

*Welcome. If you need Communion brought to you, please let a Sideperson know and show them where you are seated.
Please turn off all electronic devices.*

Hymns and Motets are found on a separate leaflet.

Music of the Mass

Organ Prelude

Please stand

Introit

After the Introit please kneel or be seated

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*R / Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

The choir sings

*Kyrie Eleison : Lord have mercy
Christi Eleison : Christ have mercy
Kyrie Eleison : Lord have mercy*

THE 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, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

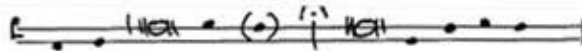
FIRST READING: Joel 2.1-2,12-17a

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. 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?

The word of the Lord
R / Thanks be to God

Please stand

PSALM: 103.8-18 *Tone VIII,2*



- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and **gra**-cious :
long-suffering, and **of** great good-ness.
- 9 He will not alway be **chi**-ding :
neither keepeth he his an-**ger** for ev-er.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our **sins** :
nor rewarded us according to our **wick**-ed-ness-es.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the **earth** :
so great is his mercy also toward **them** that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the **west** :
so far hath he **set** our sins fromN us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own **chil**-dren :
even so is the Lord merciful unto **them** that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth whereof we are **made** :
he remembereth that **we** are but dust.
- 15 The days of man are but as **grass** :
for he flourisheth as a **flower** of the field
- 16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is **gone** :
and the place thereof shall **know** it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth

for ever and ever upon them that **fear** him :
and his righteousness unto **chil**-dren's chil-dren;
18 Even unto such as keep his **co**-ve-nant :
and think upon his command-**ments** to do them.

Please be seated

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5.20b—6.10

We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: but in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, afflictions, necessities, distresses, stripes, imprisonments, tumults, labours, watchings, fastings; By pureness, knowledge, longsuffering, kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned. By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. In honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute: we are treated as deceivers, and yet are true. As unknown, and yet well known; as dying and, behold, we live; as chastened, and yet not killed. As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

The word of the Lord
R / *Thanks be to God*

Please stand

Sequence Hymn (*please see music leaflet*)

GOSPEL: Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

R / *Glory be to thee, O Lord*

And Jesus spake unto his disciples, saying: Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt,

and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The Gospel of Christ
R / *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

THE BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

The celebrant then addresses the people, saying:

THE LENTEN EXHORTATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover, we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole. I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

Please kneel or be seated

LITANY OF PENITENCE

All: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to thee, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

V / We have not loved thee with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

R / *Have mercy on us, Lord.*

V / We have been deaf to thy call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.

R / *Have mercy on us, Lord.*

V / We confess to thee, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

R / *We confess to thee, Lord.*

V / Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

R / *We confess to thee, Lord.*

V / Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

R / *We confess to thee, Lord.*

V / Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

R / *We confess to thee, Lord.*

V / Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

R / *We confess to thee, Lord.*

V / 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.

R / **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

V / For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

R / **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

V / For our waste and pollution of thy creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

R / **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

V / Restore us, good Lord, and let thine anger depart from us;

R / **Hear us, Lord, for thy mercy is great.**

The priest blesses the Ashes, saying:

Almighty God, who hast created us out of the dust of the earth: Bl(+)ess and sanc(+)-tify these ashes, that they may be to us a sign of our mortality and our penitence, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given eternal life; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The ashes are sprinkled.

Please move forward to receive the ashes; the priest imposes them on the head of each person, saying:

Remember that dust thou art,
and unto dust shalt thou return.

Remain kneeling, if able, throughout the imposition of ashes.

The choir sings:

PSALM 51: Miserere mei: Gregorio Allegri (please see music leaflet)

After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling.

V / Accomplish in us, O God, the work of thy salvation,

R / **That we may show forth thy glory in the world.**

V / By the cross and passion of thy Son, our Lord,

R / **Bring us, with all thy saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

The priest then pronounces the absolution;

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please stand

Offertory Hymn *(please see music leaflet)*

The gifts of the people are collected and brought to the High Altar. Please give generously, as God enables you: this church and its mission depends on the gifts of people like you.

Please sit at the conclusion of the hymn, and stand again as the thurifer approaches for the incensing.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, turn us from sin to faithfulness by our Lenten discipline, accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

SURSUM CORDA

V / The Lord be with you;

R / **And with thy spirit.**

V / Lift up your hearts;

R / **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

V / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

R / **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Who hast bidden us thy faithful people to cleanse our hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism, and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Please kneel as the Choir sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen*

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Merbecke

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.*

The consecrated Bread is broken.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

R / *And with thy spirit.*

All who intend to receive Communion then say together this prayer of humble access:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. *Amen.*

The choir sings

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

For courtesy, please remain in place at the rail until the person beside you has received his or her Communion.

Communion Hymn *(please see music leaflet)*

Motet *(please see music leaflet)*

Please kneel or be seated for the Post-Communion Prayer and Blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart; that so desiring, we may seek and find thee; and so finding, may love thee; and so loving, may hate those sins from which thou hast delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***