

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

... Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life ...

... all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

SILENCE *is kept for a time*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup:

All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

DURING COMMUNION THE CHOIR SING:

Hide not thou thy face & Call to remembrance Farrant

COMMUNION HYMN 136 **Jesu, grant me this, I pray ...**

Kneel POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Dismissal

BLESSING

Stand HYMN 56 **Forty days and forty nights ...**
during which all turn towards the main door of the church

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



THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREATER
LEICESTER



Ash Wednesday 2015

Gathering

Please stand as the ministers enter in silence

Vicar The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:
A broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Psalm 51.17

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

EXPLANATION OF THE MEANING OF LENT

HYMN 156 **Come down , O Love divine ...**

COLLECT

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. St James chanted service
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgy of the Word

Sit READING : Isaiah 58.1-12

Stand THE GOSPEL : St Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew
All **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit SERMON

Stand HYMN 227 Lord, teach us how to pray aright ...

Liturgy of Penitence

Vicar Let us now call to mind our sins and the infinite mercy of God.

Kneel or sit

Vicar O God the Father of heaven:

All **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son:

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
three persons and one God:

Have mercy upon us.

LITANY

after each petition

All **Good Lord deliver us.**

until:

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.

All **Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

SILENCE *is kept for a time*

after which is said:

All **Make our hearts clean, O God;
and renew a right spirit within us.**

Vicar Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All **Father eternal,
giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
though our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*After words of invitation, and a prayer,
first the choir and then the congregation move forward
for the signing of the cross on the forehead with ashes.*

Choir Psalm 51

PRAYER

Stand THE PEACE
... the peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

HYMN 432 **What does the Lord require ...**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Vicar The Lord is here.
All **His spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.