



St James's
PICCADILLY

**Morning
Eucharist for
Ash Wednesday**



**Wednesday 14th February
2024
at 8.30am**



GATHERING

The priest says

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

And also with you.

INTRODUCTION

The priest says

Brothers and sisters in Christ ...
Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

The priest says

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 our Redeemer.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Please stand when the gospel is announced.

GOSPEL READING

THE LITANY

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

The priest says

God the Creator,
have mercy on us.

God the Redeemer,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Trinity of love,
have mercy on us.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

The priest says

We have not loved you 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.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not listened to your call to serve,
as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you, Eternal God...

all our past unfaithfulness: the pride,
hypocrisy and impatience of our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Accept our repentance, God of grace...

for the wrongs we have done,
for our indifference to human need and
suffering, to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, gracious God.

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

Accept our repentance, gracious God.

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

Accept our repentance, gracious God.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.
Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
that we may show your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of Jesus Christ,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of resurrection.

Silence is kept.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Please come forward to receive the sign of the cross in ash on
your forehead.*

THE ABSOLUTION

May you be enriched with God's grace,
and nourished with God's blessing;
may God defend you in trouble and keep you from evil;
may God accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The priest says

Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The priest says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The response to the offertory prayer is

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good ...

... we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

God you are holy indeed ...

... Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:

Amen.

Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

The Bread is broken and the priest says

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

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

THE COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive Communion or indicate if you would like a blessing.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our Lenten journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

God grant you simplicity of faith and generosity of service,
that you may walk the way of Christ this Lent.
And the blessing of God almighty:
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you on this day and for ever.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.