



St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham **Ash Wednesday**

You are welcome with us on this Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lent journey together. As you wait for the service to begin, please use the time to quietly reflect and pray.

Music, Prayer and Reflection.....

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome and quiet prayer

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this:
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Hymn (*Please stand*)

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

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

The Collect – a prayer for today

Hymn (*Please stand*)

Bible Readings

Reading(s)
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon (*Please sit*)

A Time of Repentance....



See insert sheet

Music, Prayer and Reflection.....

Prayers

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the
sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hymn (*Please stand*)

Communion Prayer

(*Please sit*)

*A welcome is given to communion or
for a blessing and for personal prayer.*



The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us

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.

*The president praises God for his
mighty acts and all respond:*
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Last Supper is recalled
Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread and drink
this cup, we proclaim your death,
Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free
You are the Saviour of the world.**

the prayer continues until Amen.

We pray together:

**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.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

*Please come for communion or a
blessing. If you receive communion
in any Christian Church, you are very
welcome here with us.*

*If you would like personal prayer, for
yourself or someone else, please
speak with the leader of the service
afterwards.*

*Please sing or keep a prayerful
silence during the giving of
communion.*

*After Communion, a Post-
Communion Prayer, then:*
**Faithful God, in baptism you have
adopted us as your children, made
us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as inheritors of your
kingdom: we thank you that in this
Communion you renew your
promises within us, empower us by
your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

May 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**

Hymn (*Please stand*)

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

Music, Prayer and Reflection.....

*You are welcome to stay at the end in
prayer and reflection and then, when
you are ready, please do leave quietly*