

## A Time of Repentance...

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*and*

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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

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.*

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

**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,  
and in the good we have not done,  
through ignorance,  
through weakness,  
through 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.**

## **The Imposition of Ashes**

*After our time of repentance, if you wish to, please come forward in single file to receive a cross of ash on your forehead.*

*Sister/ Brother in Christ:*  
Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

*The time of repentance will end with the declaring God's forgiveness:*

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

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

***Music, Prayer and Reflection.....***