



**Ash Wednesday
Children's Service**

February 17, 2021

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION "What is Lent?"

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OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you want us to recognize our mistakes and learn from them;
forgive the errors of those who come to you asking for forgiveness;
help us confess those things which we should not have done
and those things we did not do but should have;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM 103:8-14

(The People will respond with the odd-numbered, bold-faced verses.)

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

**11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

**13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

CONFESSION

Most Holy God, we come to you in sorrow for our imperfections and shortcomings.
For turning away from you and not being the people you made us to be; Jesus, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For behaving only as we wish, without thinking of you or of others; Jesus, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For failing you by those actions, words or thoughts that are unkind or rude; Jesus, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be tempted by things in the world about us that draw us away from you;
Jesus, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

The Priest pronounces God's forgiveness.

THE MAKING OF THE ASHES *(The Priest remembers making ashes from palm leaves in 2020.)*

Before the ashes are imposed, the Priest says the following prayer over the ashes:

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth:
Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our humanity
and that we may remember that it is only by your love that we are given everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The ashes are imposed with the following words:
Remember that you are God's, and to God you shall return.

After the imposition of ashes, all say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**