



**Ash Wednesday
5 March 2025, 7pm**

Lent Mass Settings

***Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and joining in the music.***

Prelude

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

A bell rings as a signal for all to stand silently as the service begins.

Silence is kept.

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

All sit.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel:

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near— a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, ‘Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, “Where is their God?”’

(Joel 2.1-2; 2.12-17)

Hear the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51/TIS 32

Response

Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be___

mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *Response*
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. *Response*

3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. *Response*

4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise. *Response*

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Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'Beware of practising your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put

oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(Matthew 6.1-6,16-21)

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

BLESSING OF ASHES

The ashes are placed on each person's forehead.

HYMN GATHER #173



1. We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.
If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.
2. We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts;
The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.
Give our stumblings direction, give our visions wider view,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.
3. Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain,
Though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain.
The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew
From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

4. Thanks be to the Father, who made us like himself.
Thanks be to his Son, who saved us by his death.
Thanks be to the Spirit, who creates the world anew
From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

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After all have returned to their places, the celebrant leads the litany.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.

Incarnate Word, redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

Abiding Spirit, giver of light and life,
have mercy on us.

For turning away from your presence,
for disobeying your word and commandments,
forgive us, Lord.

For trusting in our own strength instead of yours,
for betraying your trust and the trust of others,
forgive us, Lord.

For resisting your grace and refusing your blessings,
for holding back from proclaiming our faith in you,
forgive us, Lord.

For damaging this earth and exploiting its creatures,
for neglecting and wasting the gifts you have given us,
forgive us, Lord.

For failing to forgive as we have been forgiven.
for judging others and bearing grudges,
forgive us, Lord.

For skimping on our commitments and relationships,
for failing in hospitality,
forgive us, Lord.

For tolerating oppression, injustice, and wrong,
for keeping silent when we should have spoken up,
forgive us, Lord.

For turning away when others have offered us love,
for closing our hearts when others have needed compassion,
forgive us, Lord.

For all we have done unkindly, unjustly and dishonestly,
for our careless speech and hurtful words,
forgive us, Lord.

Most merciful God,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Please stand.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

A collection is taken during the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 546

The image shows the musical notation for the offertory hymn 'Tis 546'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The music ends with a double bar line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Em, B7, Em, D, G, G, C, G, D, G, Am, B7, Em.

1. Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthbound passions set me free,
and make me pure within.



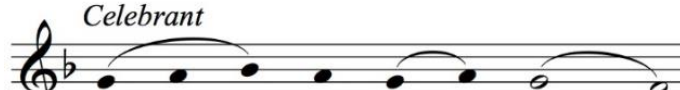

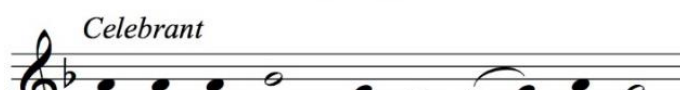

2. Lord Jesus, think on me
by care and woe oppressed;
let me your loving servant be,
and taste your promised rest.
3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
amid the bitter strife;
through all my pain and misery
become my health and life.
4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point to the heavenly way.
5. Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the trial is past,
I may your radiant glory see,
and share your joy at last.

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BLESSING OVER GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And also with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>

All glory and honour...
... for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord -
 God of pow'r and God - of might.
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - sa na in the high est
 Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san na in the high est.

Merciful God ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death,
 ri - sing you re - stored our life, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded ...

...in songs of never-ending praise:

Bless - ing and ho - nour and glo - ry and po - wer
 are yours for e - ver and e - ver A - men.

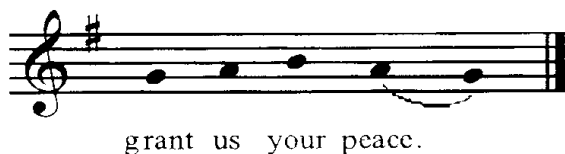
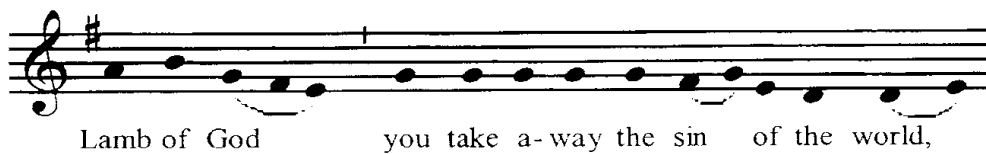
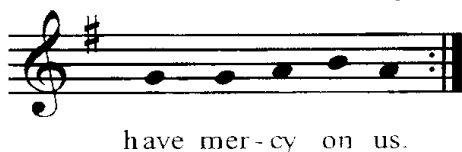
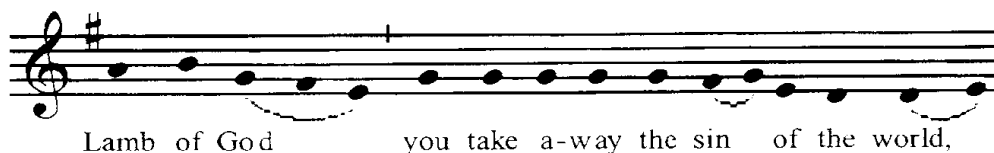
THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We who are many are one body:
For we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Anthem: *'Purge Me, O Lord'* by Thomas Tallis.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 463

Refrain D Em A D Bm



May this Len - ten dis - ci - pline, which we un - der -

E A Bm Em A D



- take with love, turn our minds to things a - bove.

Verses E7 F#m E A Bm F#m



1 Sin has sun - dered us from God, self - ish we have -

E A Em Bm D A



grown and cold, fool - ish were the ways we trod,

D Em A D



e - vil ha - bits keep their hold.

2. Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of Life presides;
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides.

3. As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn.

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The celebrant leads the final prayers.

BLESSING

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

Postlude

Lent & Easter 2025

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 5 March 2025	7pm
Lent 1	Sunday 9 March 2025	8am & 10am
Lent 2	Sunday 16 March 2025	8am & 10am
Lent 3	Sunday 23 March 2025	8am & 10am
Lent 4	Sunday 30 March 2025	8am & 10am
Lent 5	Sunday 6 April 2025	8am & 10am
Palm Sunday	Sunday 13 April 2025	8am & 10am; 10.30am Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees and Peace at Parliament Gardens, East Melbourne
Monday & Tuesday of Holy Week	Monday 14 & Tuesday 15 April 2025	6pm Said Eucharist
Wednesday of Holy Week	Wednesday 16 April 2025	7.30pm Tenebrae at trinity College, Parkville
Maundy Thursday of Holy Week	Thursday 17 April 2025	8pm Sung Eucharist
Good Friday	Friday 18 April 2025	10am Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday	Saturday 19 April 2025	8pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	Sunday 20 April 2025	10am Sung Eucharist (no 8am service)

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