

# Shrove Tuesday

### 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

#### 6.30PM

CHORAL EUCHARIST with IMPOSITION of ASHES And the Dedication of a Plaque bearing the words of the 2004 Synod Apology to Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse in the Diocese of Adelaide.

> Celebrant and Preacher: The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith Archbishop of Adelaide

Deacon: The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson
Sub-Deacon: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson
Master of Ceremonies: Larissa Bailey
Setting: Tallis Short Service
Choir: St Peter's Cathedral Choir
Director of Music: Anthony Hunt
Cathedral Organist: Mark Joyner





#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

In the early Church, it was the custom for baptisms to be celebrated at Easter following a period of preparation. It became the practice for

all Christians to prepare for the Easter festival with a period of penitence, fasting, and meeting more frequently for worship and instruction. Any who had been separated from the body of the faithful were, during Lent, reconciled by penitence and fasting, so

that together the members of the Church could celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in triumph over the power of death and evil.

The Ash used today comes from last year's palm crosses mixed with ash from Kangaroo Island.

Hymn: #702 [Mannheim] Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **Whose mercy endures for ever** The Lord be with you. **And also with you** 

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God set our sins from us.

Let us pray: (*Please kneel/sit*)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God spoke these words, and said:

- 1. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.
- 2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any like-ness of anything that is in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.
- 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
- 4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God.
- 5. Honour your father and your mother
- 6. You shall do no murder.
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. You shall not steal.
- 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- 10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbours.

## Lord, have mercy on us:

and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.

The Choir sings the Trisagion

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. *Agios o Theos, Agios ischyros, Agios athanatos, eleison imas.* 

# Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Please sit for the first reading: Amos 5.18 – 24 (Read by Susan Litchfield)

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

The Choir sings: Miserere Mei – Purcell (1659-1695)

Miserere mei, Have mercy on me,

O Jesus, miserere mei. O Jesus, have mercy on me.

Second Reading: James 1.19 - 25 (Read by Don Owers)

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

**Hymn: #123** [Bangor]

From ashes to the living font

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading: Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

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 Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

All sing:



Jesus said, 'Beware of practising your piety 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All sing:



Please sit for the Sermon: The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith

Led by a candle carried by Michael Sandona of the Archbishop's Abuse Response Reference Group the Archbishop and Dean move to the narthex of the Cathedral for the unveiling of the plaque.

## The Archbishop prays:

O God, who stands alongside the vulnerable, the abused and the frightened; May the unveiling of this plaque and the words thereon

- remind us of the terrible betrayal of trust enacted in our Diocese
- remind us to continue to act and pray with compassion for those whose lives continue to be affected by abuse
- encourage us to work for the safety of all people, and especially the young and vulnerable

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who, though he was God, took on himself the nature of our human flesh and became a vulnerable child.

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we set this plaque as a permanent reminder of our failure and repentance and shame in the hope that is in You alone. **Amen.** 

The Archbishop reads the words of the 2004 Synod Apology:

"That this Synod and we as members of it acknowledge with deep regret and repentance the past failings of the Church and its members. On behalf of the whole Church in this diocese we apologise unreservedly to those who have been harmed by sexual abuse perpetrated by people holding positions of power and trust in the Church. We apologise for the shameful way we actively worked against and discouraged those who came to us and reported abuse. We are ashamed to have acknowledged that we only took notice when the survivors of abuse became a threat to us. We apologise and ask forgiveness for the Church's failure at many levels to listen to and acknowledge the plight of those who have been abused, to take adequate steps to assist them, and to prevent abuse from happening or recurring. We commit the Church in this diocese to listen to survivors of abuse, to respond with compassion to all those who have been harmed, both to those who have come forward and to those who may choose to do so in the future, and to deal appropriately, transparently and fairly with those accused of abuse and negligence."

# The Archbishop prays a prayer for Survivors:

# Compassionate and loving God;

we pray for all who are survivors of sexual abuse within our Diocese, and for their families, friends and loved ones; we commend into the loving arms of your mercy those who, having been abused, could no longer bear to live; we pray that never again may children and vulnerable people be abused in our churches, schools and institutions: all this we pray in the name of Jesus who lived and died and rose again. **Amen** 

## The Ash Wednesday Rite

Sisters and brothers in Christ, from the earliest days of the Church, Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

At first this season was observed by those who were preparing for baptism at Easter and by those who, having been excommunicated, were to be restored to the communion of the church.

By keeping these days with care and attention Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and grow in faith and devotion to our Lord.

So, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer and fasting, by self-denial and acts of generosity and by reading and meditating on the word of God, let us keep a holy Lent.

(Please kneel/ sit as silence is kept)

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are eternal, we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth. As we receive these ashes, make them a sign for us of repentance and returning to you. Breathe into us again the breath of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Come, receive the sign of ashes.

If you wish to receive the ashes, please come forward after the Choir to the nave platform step. Please follow the direction of servers when coming forward.

The following words are used as the ashes are imposed:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

During the ashing the Choir will sing

Psalm 51: A Penitential Responsory (Andrew Gant b. 1963)

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness:

according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:

that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts:

and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness:

that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me

O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee:

but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit

a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

Have mercy upon me, O God, Amen.

# Litany of Repentance

Led by The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

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.

#### The Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith, pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you to do his will, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### 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.

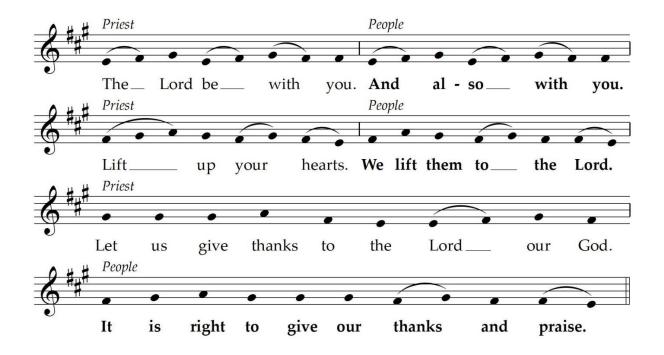
Please remain standing to sing the Offertory Hymn

Hymn: #121 [Aus der Tiefe]

Forty days and forty nights

## Please remain standing

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.** 



All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

## The Choir sings: Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Said by all) Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power are yours for ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

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 break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please kneel/sit as the Choir sings: Agnus Dei

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (x2)
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered at the nave platform. Please follow the guidance of stewards and servers. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward and receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal).

Gluten free bread is available; please ask for this from the priest giving communion.

During communion the Choir sings: Drop slow tears William Walton (1902-1983)

Let us pray: (Please kneel/sit)

Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us and have reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love.

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 for your praise and glory.

Please stand to sing the Post Communion Hymn

Hymn: #116 [Abridge] Be thou my guardian and my guide

Please remain standing for the Blessing

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always **Amen**.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

You are invited to listen reflectively to the postlude:

Fantasia in C minor BWV 562 JS Bach (1685-1750)