

## ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY EXORTATION

Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy, forgiveness and grace proclaimed in the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole. Let us ask God our Father to bless these ashes to become a symbol of our intention. They have been made from the palms with which we greeted Christ our King with joy last Palm Sunday. They are a sign that we intend to prepare ourselves with penitence for Easter. BCP, page 210

## INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have awakened Your Church to hear again, the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him and learn from Him. Grant that as we say "Yes" to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all areas of our lives to His service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if He were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray. **Amen.**

Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

St. Andrew Parish Church

Patron Saint Andrew the Apostle



*"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"*

**SOLEMN MASS  
AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

8.00 A.M.

**ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

**Rector/Curate:** Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min  
**Assistant Curate:** Revd. Fr. Bertram Gayle  
**Supplementary Clergy:** Rev. Claude Campbell  
**Church Army:** Sister Andrea Taylor-Smith

**Music:** St. Andrew Parish Church Choir  
**Organist/Choir Director:** Audley Davidson

# SOLEMN MASS AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023

*Our worship is guided by The Ash Wednesday Liturgy BCP page 208*

**Choral Introit:** Lead me Lord S. S. Wesley **Choir**

*The congregation stands as the choir and ministers enter in silence.*

**Hymn:** 143 Praise to the Holiest in the height  
*(The Altar is incensed)*

*Opening Sentence & Introductions* BCP page 208

*The Collect for Purity* BCP page 208

## THE KYRIE

Cantor: Look around you...

**Response: Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.**

**THE COLLECTS** BCP page 209

## THE READINGS

**First Reading:** Joel: 2:1-2, 12-17 Frank James

**Psalm:** 103:8-14 BCP page 601 (All sit)

**Refrain:**

*The Lord is compassion and love; Slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6:10 Lona Brown

**Sequence Hymn:** 491 What a friend we have in Jesus

*Acclamation to be sung before and after the Gospel*

*Ancient words ever true,  
changing me and changing you,  
we have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.*

**The Gospel:** Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

**Homily:** Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson

**Invitation and imposition of Ashes** BCP page 210

*During the Imposition of Ashes the following Psalms are to be read:  
Psalms: 32, 34, 42, 43, 62, 130, 142, Choir Motet*

**Then follows the Litany of penitence** BCP page. 217 - 219

**THE PEACE** BCP page.213

## OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

**Offertory Hymn:** 457 O love, how deep! How broad! How high!

Prayers over the gifts BCP page.126

Sursum Corda

Sanctus & Benedictus page.131

Eucharistic Rite

The Breaking of Bread

Agnus Dei BCP 147

The Invitation

Communion of the Faithful

Hymns during communion: 628, 601, 119, 552

*Silence*

**Post Communion Prayer** BCP page 148

Celebrant: *Bow your heads for God's blessing.*

**People: Amen**

Welcome & Notices

Recessional Hymn: 114 Forty days and forty nights

## Hymns for Ash Wednesday 2023

### Hymn 143 Praise to the Holiest in the height

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!
2. O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.
3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive, and should prevail;
4. And that a highest gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine:  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.
5. O generous love! that he who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo.
6. And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.
7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

### Sequence Hymn 491 What a Friend we have in Jesus

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

### Off: Hymn 457 O Love, how deep! How broad! How high!

1. O Love, how deep! How broad!  
How high!  
it fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. He sent no angel to our race  
of higher or of lower place  
but wore the robe of human frame  
himself, and to this lost world came.
3. For us he was baptized, and bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.
4. For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words, and signs, and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself but us.
5. For us to wicked men betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe ar-  
rayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us at length gave up his breath.
6. For us He rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
7. To him whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through his Son  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.

### Recs. HYMN 114 Forty days and forty nights

1. Forty days and forty nights  
Thou wast fasting in the wild;  
Forty days and forty nights  
Tempted, and yet undefiled.
2. Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
Chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
Prowling beasts about Thy way;  
Stones Thy pillow; earth Thy bed.
3. Shall not we Thy sorrow share  
And from worldly joys abstain,  
Fasting with unceasing prayer,  
Glad with Thee to suffer pain?
4. And if Satan, vexing sore,  
Flesh or spirit should assail,  
Thou, his Vanquisher before,  
Grant we may not faint nor fall!
5. So shall we have peace divine:  
Holier gladness ours shall be;  
Round us, too, shall angels shine,  
Such as ministered to Thee.
6. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,  
Ever constant by Thy side;  
That with Thee we may appear  
At th' eternal Eastertide.