

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, forever 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 MARCH 5, 2025

Rector/Curate: Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min
Supplementary Clergy: Rev. Fr. Claude Campbell

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

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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: 210 Father of heaven, whose love profound
(*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 Bruce 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 Valerie Nam

Acclamation: Bless thy word unto our hearts,

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

Homily: Deaconess Dr. Elaine Cunningham

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

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

THE PEACE BCP page. 213

OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

Offertory Hymn: 498 Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched

Prayers over the gifts BCP page.126

Sursum Corda

Sanctus & Benedictus BCP page.131

Eucharistic Rite

The Breaking of Bread

Agnus Dei BCP page 147

The Invitation

Communion of the Faithful

Hymns during communion: 593, 326, 420

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