

# The Priory Church of St.Mary Bridlington



**Holy Communion for  
Ash Wednesday  
together with the Imposition of Ashes**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## The Preparation

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. (*Psalm 51.17*)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*The president explains the meaning of Lent and invites the people to observe it faithfully*

## The Collect

*After a time of silence the prayer of the day, the Collect, is said. All respond: Amen.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Reading(s)

*At the end the reader says: This is the word of the Lord.  
All respond: Thanks be to God*

GRADUAL HYMN

### Gospel reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
The Lord is a great God: O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *n*  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ*

**Sermon** *(If one is to be preached)*

## **The Liturgy of Penitence**

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father, **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit **have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, **have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death, and at the day of judgment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood, and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; and by the preaching of your kingdom,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; and by your precious death and burial,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*Silence is kept.*

Make our hearts clean, O God;  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out of darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

## **The Imposition of Ashes**

*The president invites us to receive the imposition of ashes and leads us in prayer. All respond* **Amen.**

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn from sin and be faithful to Christ.

*When the imposition of ashes is completed, the absolution is given.*

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **The Intercessions**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and understanding they may proclaim your word.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the faint hearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guard and strengthen your servant Elizabeth the Queen, that she may put her trust in you, and seek your honour and glory.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Endue the High Court of Parliament and all the ministers of the Crown with wisdom and understanding.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty, and truth.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep all your people.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Heal the sick in body and in mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees and all who are in trouble.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Father, you hear those who pray in the name of your Son: grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace** *(stand)*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

### **The Preparation of the Table and the Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Risen Lord and Saviour, present among us with the wealth of your love; cleanse us from sin and give us faith to offer our praise and grow in your grace.

**Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Trusting in the compassion of God, we 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president invites the people to communion.  
This prayer is said before the distribution*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.**

*We receive the bread and the wine.*

## **Prayer after communion**

*Silence is kept.*

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

HYMN

## **The Dismissal**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him;  
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.**