

LENT

## Ash Wednesday

### Collect

[O] Lord,  
during this campaign of Christian service,  
let us begin with holy fasting  
and fight against spiritual evils  
so that we will become strong with self-discipline {control}.  
Jesus lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### Blessing and Giving of Ashes

Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly ask God our Father, to  
bless these ashes; with his grace, we will put on our head, with  
humble penitence.

**Pause.**

[O] God, you are pleased to see us people humble  
doing works of penance,  
and you respond with mercy offering us forgiveness.  
Listen to our prayers,  
and in your kindness  
bless ✠ these your people, your servants,  
with ashes on their foreheads,  
so that as they begin the journey of Lent  
they become worthy {good} with pure {clean} minds,  
to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Priest invites people forward signing to each person before placing ashes on the head:

- Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Or:

- Remember you are dust and you will become dust again.

After the distribution of ashes, the Priest washes his hands and continues with the Offertory. Creed is not said/signed.

### Prayer over the Offerings

[O] Lord,  
we offer you the annual (yearly) sacrifice for the beginning of Lent,  
we ask you to help us through works of penance and charity,  
that we will turn away from dangerous pleasures.  
[With] our sins forgiven, let us become worthy  
to celebrate the Passion of your Son.  
Jesus lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface III or IV of Lent, pages 00 – 00.

### Prayer after Communion

[O] Lord,  
let the Sacrament we received give us life.  
We pray that our fasting will heal us  
so that we can please you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

[O] God,  
give us your sorrowful spirit  
and with your mercy  
forgive us all for the penance we offer.  
Through Christ our Lord.

The Priest invites people forward signing to each person before placing ashes on the head:

The blessing and distribution of ashes may happen without Mass. If so, the rite is:

- Entrance greeting
- Collect
- Readings as per Liturgy of the Word
- Homily
- Blessing and distribution of ashes
- Our Father ('Universal Prayer')
- Blessing
- Dismissal

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Gloria is not said/signed.

## Collect

Almighty God,  
every year we follow Lent.  
Help us to understand more the riches hidden in Christ,  
so that we can live with faith, hope and love.  
Jesus lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Creed is said/signed.

## Prayer over the Offerings

[O] Lord,  
at the beginning of this sacred time,  
help us to have the right mind and heart  
to be able to give you these offerings.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface, pages 00 – 00.

## Prayer after Communion

[O] Lord,  
receiving the heavenly bread has made strong  
our faith, hope and charity.  
Let us follow Christ,  
the true and living Bread,

and grow through his teaching.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing, page 00

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Gloria is not said/signed.

### Collect

[O] God,  
you commanded (ordered) us  
to listen to your beloved Son.  
We ask you, through your word,  
to inspire our spiritual lives,  
so that we will understand  
and be able to rejoice in your glory.  
Jesus lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Creed is said/signed.

### Prayer over the Offerings

[O] Lord,  
we pray that this sacrifice will cleanse our faults,  
and make holy your people in body and mind  
as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface, pages 00 - 00

### Prayer after Communion

[O] Lord,  
we received these glorious mysteries.

Thank you for letting us share the things of heaven  
while we still live on earth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing, page 00.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

## First Scrutiny RCIA

Gloria is not said/signed.

### Collect

[O] God,  
full of mercy and goodness,  
look us as we humbly pray,  
that through our fasting, prayer and almsgiving (giving),  
you will take away our sins  
and by {because} your mercy lifts us up.  
Jesus lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Creed is said/signed.

### Prayer over the Offerings

[O] Lord,  
accept our sacrifice and be pleased  
we ask you to forgive our sins,  
as we forgive our neighbour.  
Through our Lord.

Preface, pages 00 – 00

### Prayer after Communion

[O] Lord,  
here on earth the Bread from heaven nourished {fed} us,

may we receive the hidden things of heaven promised us.  
We humbly ask you to let your mystery work in us  
to help us be always true to the end.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing, page 00

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Second Scrutiny RCIA

Gloria is not said/signed.

### Collect

[O] God,  
through your Word,  
you reconcile all people to yourself in a wonderful way.  
We pray with respect and eager faith,  
that Christian people  
will journey towards Paschal {Easter} celebrations.  
Jesus lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Creed is said/signed.

### Prayer over the Offerings

[O] Lord,  
with joy we bring these offerings,  
because they give eternal life.  
As we revere {respect} them,  
we offer them to you for the salvation of all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface, pages 00 – 00

### Prayer after Communion

[O] God,

to all born into this world,  
you open our minds and help us to understand  
with the help of your grace.  
We pray that we will always ponder (think about) things  
that are worthy and pleasing to your majesty  
and truly love you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Solemn Blessing, page 00**

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Third Scrutiny RCIA

Church and images are covered from today to Easter Vigil

Gloria is not said/signed.

## Collect

Lord our God,  
with your help, we pray  
we will eagerly follow your Son with compassion,  
and with the same love  
your Son had for the world as he accepted the Cross.  
Jesus lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Creed is said/signed.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty God,  
inspire us with the teachings of the Christian faith.  
Through this sacrifice,  
purify {cleanse} us your servants.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface, pages 00 – 00.

## Prayer after Communion

Almighty Father, we pray  
we will always share in the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Let us always be members of Christ  
through this communion we share.  
Jesus lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing, page 00.