



Ollscoil Chathair
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City University

Wednesday 17th February 2021

Ash Wednesday Service

†SEIRBHÍS TACAÍOCHTA AGUS FORBARTHA
STUDENT SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT



ORDER OF SERVICE

Entrance Hymn:

'Yes and Amen' by Chris McClarney
(performed by Eric Hughes)

Collect

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of The Word

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Joel (2:12-18):
"Come back to me with all your hearts ..."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalms (50:3-6.12-14.17):
"Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned ..."

SECOND READING: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor 5:20-6:2): *"Be reconciled to God ..."*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *"Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! A pure heart create for me, O God, and give me again the joy of your help. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!"*

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6.16-18: *"Be careful not to parade your deeds, to attract their notice ..."*

Homily

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), let us humbly ask God our Father that he be pleased to bless, with the abundance of grace, these ashes, which we will put on our heads in penitence.

After a brief prayer in silence and with hands extended, he says:

O God, who are moved by acts of humility
and respond with forgiveness to works of penance,
lend your merciful ear to our prayers
and, in your kindness, pour out the grace of your blessing
on your servants who are marked with these ashes,
that, as they follow the Lenten observances,
they may be worthy to come with minds made pure
to celebrate the Paschal mystery of your son.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Notes

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

'Amazing Grace' by John Newton
and William Walker
(performed by Eric Hughes)

Communion:

'At the Foot of The Cross' by Kathryn
Scott
(performed by Eric Hughes)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*"May the Sacrament we have
received sustain us, O Lord, that our
Lenten fast may be pleasing to you
and be for us a healing remedy.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE:

*"Pour out a spirit of compunction, O
God, on those who bow before your
majesty, and by your mercy may they
merit the rewards you promise to
those who do penance. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn:

'Reckless Love' by Cory Asbury
(performed by Eric Hughes)

This service was performed in strict accordance with social distancing guidelines as specified by the Health Service Executive of Ireland (31/12/2020):

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2dc71-level-5/>

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"We have borne the image of the man made of dust. We will also bear the image of the heavenly man." 1 Corinthians 15.49

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