

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: the early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church.

In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

To make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now bow before our Creator and Redeemer

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Pastor: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Remove clear cover on the tattoo. Place image facedown on your skin. Press a damp cloth or sponge over the tattoo paper. Hold for 60 seconds. Gently peel off the paper. Wait for the tattoo to dry.

DECLARATION OF PARDON AND PEACE

Pastor: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ, we all have peace.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God, who has forgiven us,
now make us strong for these days ahead.

All: May Jesus lead us, and we be found faithful to follow.

Pastor: May the Spirit drive us into the wilderness,

**All: burning away the chaff of our lives,
and purifying our hearts for all to see
and be blessed.**

Pastor: And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us and remain with us always!

POSTLUDE

"Go To Dark Gethsemane" American Folk Melody

Catalina Daggett

February 17, 2021 Ash Wednesday

WELCOME

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Our Mission Statement:

**To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for
the Transformation of the World**



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