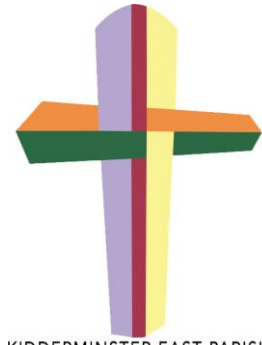


# Parish of Kidderminster East Ash Wednesday Evening Service



KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH  
Five Churches One Parish One Lord

## Greeting

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**nothing can separate us from your love.**  
Breathe on us, breath of God;  
**fill us with your saving power.**  
Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
**bring strength, healing and peace.**  
*Silence is kept.*

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

## Confession and Absolution

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.**  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Against you, you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.**  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## Readings

Sermon Revd. Robert Legge

## **Ashing**

As a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep the season of preparation for Easter. I invite those of you who wish to apply onto your forehead in ash the sign of the cross, the symbol of our salvation.

But first, a prayer of blessing of the ashes.

God our Father, you create us  
from the dust of the earth  
grant that these ashes may be for us  
a sign of penitence  
and a symbol of our mortality  
for it is by your grace alone  
that we receive eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.. **Amen**

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

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come  
Amen.

Intercessions and Collect for the day.

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
and also with you

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 with the visual aids of bread and wine

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray;

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Together we say

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Amen

## The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,  
and follow him;  
and the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be with you all now and evermore.  
Amen