

# The Parish Church of St Anne, Kew



## ASH WEDNESDAY

20.00 SUNG EUCHARIST



# THE GATHERING

## Prelude

### *Aus tiefer Noth schrei' ich zu dir* BWV 687

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

## Introit

### *Nimm von uns, Herr, du treuer Gott* BWV 737

Take away from us Lord, faithful God,  
the heavy punishment and great suffering,  
which we, with countless sins  
have too much deserved.

Protect us from war and trying times,  
from plagues, fire and great sorrow.

Lead us by Thy right hand  
and bless our city and land;  
grant us always Thy sacred word,  
protect us from the devil's deceit and harm;  
bestow that blessed precious hour,  
in which we will be eternally beside Thee.

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: And also with you.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

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

**Kyrie**  
*sung by cantors*

*Kyrie eleison*  
*Christe eleison*  
*Kyrie eleison*

### **The Collect**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have Made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**  
*Isaiah 58.1-12*

Thus says the Lord: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why

humble ourselves, but you do not notice? Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

May your word live in us.

**All: And bear much fruit to your glory.**

**Psalm**

*51.1-18*

*sung by the cantors*

Have mercy on me, O God, in | your great | goodness; ♦  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
| blot out | my of|fences.

Wash me thoroughly | from my | wickedness ♦  
and | cleanse me | from my | sin.

For I ack|nowledge my | faults ♦  
and my | sin is | ever be|fore me.

Against you only | have I | sinned ♦  
and done what is | evil | in your | sight,

So that you are justified | in your | sentence ♦  
and | righteous | in your | judgement.

I have been wicked even | from my | birth, ♦  
a sinner | when my | mother con|ceived me.

Behold, you desire truth | deep with|in me ♦  
and shall make me understand wisdom  
| in the | depths of my | heart.

Purge me with hyssop and I | shall be | clean; ♦  
wash me and I | shall be | whiter than | snow.

Make me hear of | joy and | gladness, ♦  
that the bones you have | broken | may re|joice.

Turn your face | from my | sins ♦  
and | blot out | all my mis|deeds.

Make me a clean | heart, O | God, ♦  
and re|new a right | spirit with|in me.

Cast me not a| way from your | presence ♦  
and take not your | holy | spirit | from me.

Give me the joy of | your sal|vation ♦  
and sustain | me with | your gracious | spirit;

Then shall I teach your | ways • to the | wicked ♦  
and | sinners shall re|turn to | you.

Deliver me from my guilt, O God, ♦  
the God I of | my sal|vation,  
and my | tongue shall | sing of your | righteousness.

O Lord, | open my | lips ♦  
and my | mouth shall pro|claim your | praise.

For you desire no sacrifice, | else I would | give it; ♦  
you take no de|light in | burnt | offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a | broken | spirit; ♦  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, | you will | not des|pise.

## **Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10*

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in

vain. For the Lord says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

May your word live in us.

**All: And bear much fruit to your glory.**

**Gradual**

***Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*** BWV 633

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**All: Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
and give me again the joy of your help

**All: Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, 'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But

when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Liturgy of Penitence**

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

**Litany**

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

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

**All:** God the Holy Spirit,  
**have mercy on us.**

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

**All:** 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,

**All: good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**All: good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**All: good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**All: good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**All: good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**All: good Lord, deliver us.**

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

**All: 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.

**All: Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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

**All:** **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 said and 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 from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

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 LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT***

### **The Peace**

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

**All:** The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Offertory**

***Wir glauben all an einem Gott*** BWV 1098

We all believe in one true God,  
Who created earth and heaven,  
The Father, who to us in love  
Hath the right of children given.  
He both soul and body feedeth,  
All we need He doth provide us;  
He through snares and perils leadeth,  
Watching that no harm betide us.

He careth for us day and night,  
All things are governed by His might.

### Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father,  
turn us from sin to faithfulness  
and from disobedience to love,  
and prepare us to celebrate  
the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour  
who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

**All: Amen**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: 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:

Cantors: *Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus deus sabaoth,  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria  
tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis*

*Blessed is He that cometh in the  
name of Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Anne our patron and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

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

Priest: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**All: 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.**

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,  
and grant us peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin  
and protect us from all anxiety  
as we wait in joyful hope  
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ

**All: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom  
where you live for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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

### **Giving of Communion**

*The priest says the invitation to communion*

**Priest:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of  
the world, blessed are those who are called to his  
supper

**All:** **Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say  
the word and I shall be healed.**

### **Agnus Dei**

<i>Choir</i>	<i>Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.</i>	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.</i>
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*Holy Communion is distributed. Please follow the sidesmen's  
Guidance. During Communion: **Trio in D minor** BWV 583*

## Post Communion Sentence

He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan: and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**All: God of our pilgrimage,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Final Responsory

**All: This is love, not that we loved God,  
but that he loved us and sent his Son.**

**All: He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
that we might live through him.**

**All: If God loves us so much  
we ought to love one another.**

**All: If we love one another  
God lives in us.**

## Blessing and Dismissal

**All: 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 among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.**

**All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Postlude

***Canzona in D minor* BWV 588**

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