

Benefice of Pimperne, Stourpaine and Durweston
with Bryanston



Evening Service
for
Ash Wednesday

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Gathering Music

Welcome

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Hymn

Responses

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their ways,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55. 6-9

Opening prayer

Wilderness God,

as we begin this journey through Lent

help us to bring the whole of ourselves

into the mystery of your presence.

Your thoughts are not our thoughts,

for you are beyond our imagination!

Your ways are not our ways,

for we have lost the path of love.

We come now in our weakness and vulnerability,

to find in you our healing and wholeness.

Meet us now in this place and time

and be our guide as we find path to your love again. **Amen.**

Psalm

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my Supplications!**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

And in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. *Psalm 130*

Isaiah 55. 10-end

Reading

*In this reading, God promises that where we have known thorns and
briars, he will bring fruitfulness.*

Come down, O love divine

Hymn

Mark 1. 9-13

Reading

Silence follows

Reflection

Shared silence *Nocturne in E minor Op No 1, Chopin*

Imposition of Ashes

Using your thumb, mark the sign of the cross on your forehead, or you might prefer to sprinkle the ashes over your head, using the words;

Dust you are and to dust you shall return.

Bless the Lord, my soul

Taizé community

Chant

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Repeat.

I cannot tell

Hymn

The response to:

Prayers of recognition

*'For we shall go out in joy' is,
and be led forth in peace.*

Prayers of Intercession

followed by the Lord's prayer;

**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.

Collect

God of our deepest selves,
as we walk with Jesus in the wilderness,
as we face our fears and doubts,
as we leave behind all that has weighed us down,
may we tread with lightened step,
through the forty days of Lent,
knowing that we are dust,
and to dust we shall return,
but will come to Easter filled with joy,
knowing that we are loved
and meant for a life with you for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

God who loves us to our very depths.
Jesus who saves us from our very worst.
Spirit who moves us to become our true selves.
Bless us now and through all the days of Lent
and bring us to life in your love. **Amen.**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Hymn

An opportunity for wine and chat will follow the service.

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