

Litany of The Passion with Distribution of Ashes

Ash  *Wednesday*

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THE BLESSING OF ASHES

V. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments.

R. **And return to the Lord, your God. For gracious is He, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

C: Let us pray.

Almighty, Eternal God, spare those who are penitent, and be merciful to those who call upon you. Bless † and sanctify these ashes. May they be a sign of penitence for all who humbly invoke You, for all who earnestly and meekly implore Your steadfast love. Grant that all who are signed with these ashes seek the remission of their sins, health for their bodies and safety for their souls. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R: **Amen.**

V. By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;

R. **You are dust, and to dust you shall return.**

C: Let us pray.

Lord, our God, You do not desire the death of sinners but rather their repentance. Look graciously on our human frailty. In Your goodness, bless † these ashes, tokens of humility, which we will place on our heads asking Your pardon. We know that we are dust and because of our sins, we must return to dust. Through Your mercy, may we obtain the pardon of all our sins and the rewards promised to those who are penitent. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R: **Amen.**

- V. Between the porch and the altar, let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say,
- R. **“Spare, O Lord, Your people, and make not Your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, “Where is their God?”**”
- C: Let us pray.
Gracious God, You look upon those who are humble and are pleased with those who are contrite. Pour forth the blessings of Your favor on all who will be signed with these ashes, the symbol of repentance. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- R. **Amen.**
- V. Cleanse me of my sin with hyssop, that I may be purified; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- R. **Have mercy on me, O God, in Your goodness; in the greatness of Your compassion, wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin, cleanse me. For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always.**
- C: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return, but your soul returns to God.





THE LITANY
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PASSION

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, **have mercy on us.**

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy on us.**

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

Holy Trinity, One God, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, the eternal Wisdom, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, the Word made flesh, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, hated by the world, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, sold for thirty pieces of silver, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, prostrate in prayer, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, strengthened by an angel, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, agonizing in a bloody sweat, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, betrayed by Judas with a kiss, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bound by the soldiers, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, forsaken by Your disciples, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, brought before Annas and Caiphas, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, struck in the face by a servant, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, accused by false witnesses, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, declared worthy of death, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, spit upon in the face, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, blindfolded, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, smitten on the cheek, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, thrice denied by Peter, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, delivered up to Pilate, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, despised and mocked by Herod, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, clothed in a white garment, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, rejected for Barabbas, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, torn with scourges, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bruised for our sins, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, covered with a purple robe, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, crowned with thorns, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, struck with a reed, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, demanded for crucifixion, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, condemned to death, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, given up to Your enemies, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, laden with the Cross, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, led as a sheep to the slaughter, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, stripped of Your garments, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, fastened with nails to the Cross, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, wounded for our iniquities, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, praying for Your murderers, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, counted with the wicked, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, blasphemed on the Cross, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, reviled by the malefactors, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, giving Paradise to the thief, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, commending Saint John to Your Mother as her son,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, forsaken by Your Father, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, given gall and vinegar to drink, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, testifying that all things written concerning You were
accomplished, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, commending your Spirit into the hands of Your Father,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, obedient even to death, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, pierced with a lance, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, made a propitiation for us, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, taken down from the Cross, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, laid in the tomb, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, rising gloriously from the dead, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, ascending into Heaven, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, our advocate with the Father, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, sending down the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, **have mercy on us.**

Be gracious, **Spare us, good Lord.**

Be gracious, **Help us, good Lord.**

From every evil, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

From every sin, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

From anger, hatred, and every evil will, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

From war, famine, and pestilence, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

From all dangers of mind and body, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

From everlasting death, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

Through Your most pure Conception, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

Through Your miraculous Nativity, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

Through Your humble Circumcision, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

Through Your baptism and fasting, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

Through Your labors and watchings, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

Through Your cruel scourging and crowning, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

Through Your thirst, and tears, and nakedness, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

Through Your precious death and Cross, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

Through Your glorious Resurrection and Ascension, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

Through Your sending forth the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, in the day of judgment, **Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

We poor sinners pray, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would spare us, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would pardon us, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would bring us to true penance, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would pour into our hearts the grace of the Holy Spirit, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would defend and propagate Your Church, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would preserve and increase all societies assembled in Your Holy Name, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would bestow upon us true peace, humility, and charity, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would give us perseverance in grace and in Your holy service, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would deliver us from unclean thoughts, the temptations of the devil, and everlasting damnation, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would unite us to the company of Your Saints, **hear us, Lord God.**

That You would graciously hear us, **hear us, O Lord.**

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.

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O Christ, **hear us.**

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

R . Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Let Us Pray.

Almighty and eternal God, You sent Your only Son to be the Savior of the world, and Your justice was satisfied by His blood. Grant that we may value the price of our salvation, and by its might be defended from the evils of this present life on earth, that in Heaven we may rejoice in its everlasting fruit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.