

**The Benefice of St. Wilfrid Cantley with
St. Hugh of Lincoln, New Cantley
St. Hugh's Church
Everingham Road, Cantley, DN4 6HB**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 11: 24, 25, 27

P: You are merciful to all, O Lord,
and despise nothing that you have made.
You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance,
and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

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

All: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

The Collect

P: Let us pray.
Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting
this campaign of Christian service,
so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we
may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Readings (Please sit)

First Reading *Joel 2:12-18*
'Rend your hearts and not your garments.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 51(50):3-4, 5-6b, 12-13, 14, 17. R. cf. 3a*
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2*
'Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the favourable time.'

The Gospel Acclamation

(Please Stand)

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel Reading *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18*
'Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.'

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading...

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

(Please sit down)

The Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

P: Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly ask God our
Father, that he be pleased to bless with the
abundance of his grace these ashes, which we will
put on our heads in penitence.

O God, who are moved by acts of humility
and respond with forgiveness to works of penance,
lend your merciful ear to our prayers

and in your kindness pour out the grace of your ✠
blessing on your servants who are marked with these
ashes, that, as they follow the Lenten observances,
they may be worthy to come with minds made pure
to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son.
Through Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

*Then the Priest places ashes on the head of all those present
who come to him, and says to each one:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Or:

Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

The Intercessions now follow

The Offertory Hymn

- Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted still, yet undefiled.
- Sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow; earth thy bed.
- Let us thy endurance share,
and from earthly greed abstain,
with thee watching unto prayer,
with thee strong to suffer pain?
- Then if evil on us press,
flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness,
help us not to swerve or fail.
- So shall peace divine be ours;
Holier gladness ours be due;
come to us angelic powers,
such as ministered to thee.
- Keep, oh, keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
That we may thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

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P: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full,
Are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.

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The Memorial Acclamation (Said)

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again

The Lord's Prayer

P: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

P: Deliver us, Lord, we pray...
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours now and for ever.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ...
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Agnus Dei

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

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The Communion Hymn

1. Lord Jesus, think on me
and purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free
And make me pure within.
2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe oppressed;
Let me Thy loving servant be
And taste Thy promised rest.
3. Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be Thou my Health and Life.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point Thou the heavenly way.
5. Lord Jesus, think on me
When floods the tempest high;
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Saviour, be Thou nigh!
6. Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when the flood is past,
I may th'eternal brightness see
And share Thy joy at last.

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The Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: Bow down for the blessing.
Pour out a spirit of compunction, O God,
on those who bow before your majesty,
and by your mercy may they merit the rewards you
promise to those who do penance.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

P: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

P: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Final Hymn

1. Attend and keep this happy fast
I preach to you this day.
Is this the fast that pleases Me
that takes your joy away?
Do I delight in sorrow's dress,
says God, who reigns above,
the hanging head, the dismal look,
will they attract My love?
2. But it is not the fast I choose,
that shares the heavy load;
that seeks to bring the poor man in
who's weary of the road;
that gives the hungry bread to eat,
to strangers gives a home;
that does not let you hide your face
from your own flesh and bone?
3. Then like the dawn your light will break,
to life you will be raised.
And all will praise the Lord for you;
be happy in your days.
The glory of the Lord will shine,
and in your steps His grace.
And when you call He'll answer you;
He will not hide His face.

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