

**St Wilfrid's Bognor: ASH WEDNESDAY 13 February 2013**

**Entrance Hymn 124 Father of heaven, whose love profound**

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. **AMEN**

**First Reading - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

*A reading from the Prophet Joel*

**Psalm 51:1-18**

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

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**Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10**

*A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

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

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

**Gospel - Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

**Ashing after the Sermon. The Lent Prose will be sung.**

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask our Father to bless these ashes which we will use  
as the mark of our repentance.

Lord, bless the sinner who asks for your forgiveness and bless + all those who receive  
these ashes. May they keep this lenten season in preparation for the joy of Easter,  
through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

**Offertory Hymn 383 O love, how deep, how broad, how high**

**Prayer over the gifts**

Lord, help us to resist temptation by our lenten works of charity and penance.  
By this sacrifice may we be prepared to celebrate the death and resurrection of  
Christ our Saviour and be cleansed from sin and renewed in spirit. We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

**Communion Sentence**

The man who meditates day and night on the law of the Lord will yield  
fruit in due season.

**Hymn 312 Lord Jesus, think on me**  
**Anthem: Hear my prayer, O Lord....Purcell**

**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 thank-  
fully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the  
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**AMEN**

**Final Hymn - 261 Jesu, lover of my soul**

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