



Primary Liturgy, Upper Primary stories, activities and worksheets

PRIMARY: ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

Liturgy Leader: We are gathered here today to mark the beginning of the church's great season of Lent. As a community, we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, the _____ people.

INTRODUCTION

Lent begins today with the marking of ashes, a sign to remind us to live the way Jesus wants. Lent ends after 40 days when Jesus rises from the dead at Easter. Lent is a special time when God invites us to go without so that others may have a share of the gifts of Creation. Lent is about doing good things for others. It is a time to take action so that others may have life.

Opening Hymn: *Together as One* (Peter Kearney)

OPENING PRAYER

Leader:

Let us pray,
God of Justice,
Walk with us as we begin our Lenten journey.
Support us as we try to change to be better people.
Help us to fulfil our responsibility to work for the good of our global family whom we have a responsibility to help.
Be with us as we take up the challenge to help build peace in our world. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lived and died for us and rose again,

All: Amen.

Let us listen to what Jesus had to say to His friends about doing good things.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 6: 1-4

Jesus said to His disciples:
"When you do good deeds,
don't try to show off.
If you do, you won't get a reward
from your Father in heaven.

When you give to the poor,
don't blow a loud horn.
That's what showoffs do in the meeting places
and on the street corners,
because they are always looking for praise.
I promise you that they already have their reward.

When you give to the poor,
don't let anyone know about it.
Then your gift will be a secret.
Your Father knows what is done in secret,
and He will reward you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

(Translation from the Lectionary for Masses with Children)