



Ash  
Wednesday





# Sign of the Cross



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

Amen



## Opening prayer

Let us pray.

Loving and compassionate God,

We believe that change *is* possible. And we believe that we can help to change the world.

As Lent begins, we pray that, through our Lenten journey, you will change our hearts and help us to build a better world, where every person's dignity is respected, and everyone can live life to the full.

We make this prayer, with faith, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



# A reading from the Gospel of Luke



## The story of Zacchaeus







# JESUS FORGAVE ZACCHAEUS AND THAT CHANGED HIM





**Zacchaeus made some choices:**

- To be unfair to people in collecting taxes
- To see what kind of person Jesus was
- Jesus called him by name:
- This is a sign of Jesus' love for him

**Zacchaeus decided:**

- To welcome Jesus into his home
- To pay back anyone he had cheated in the past
- To give half of what he owned to the poor
- To become Jesus' friend



# How can you be like Zacchaeus?



You can:

- change your ways
- do good for others
- give money to those in need
- welcome new friends into your group
- try to be better behaved at home and school
- be prayerful









You are invited, to say or write a prayer for how you will prepare  
for Easter during Lent or the things that we need to say sorry  
for.





## Final Prayer

Thank you father God that you love me so much that you don't want anything to get in the way of our friendship. I am sorry for all the things that I have done that have hurt other people. I am sorry for all the kind things that I should have done but didn't. Thank you that you forgive everyone that says sorry to you.

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