

Ash Wednesday

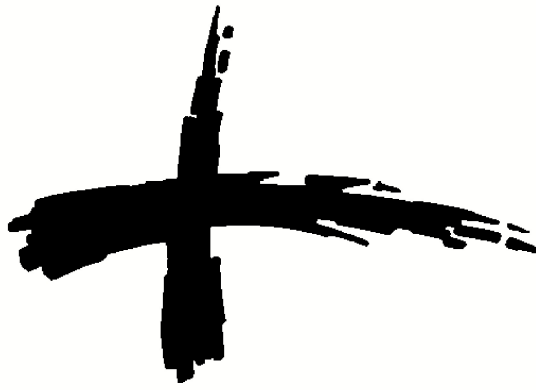
February 14, 2024

7:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES
HOLY COMMUNION AND HOMILY



Musical selections with an asterisk () are for the 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. service.*

***ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

"Aus der Tiefe rufe ich" (BWV 745)
(Out of the depths I cry to thee)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

"Wen nur den lieben Gott Lässt walten" (BWV 647)
(If thou but trust in God to guide thee)

All who are able, please stand as the Celebrant enters.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Book of Common Prayer p. 264

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

All sit for the readings. Silence is kept after the reading.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

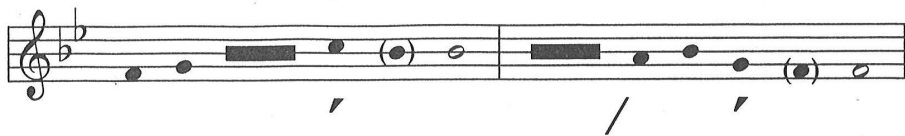
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:8-14

Dilexi, quoniam

TONE VIII.1



- 8 *The Lord* is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and / of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his an/ger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according / to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon / those who fear him.

- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he re/moved our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for / those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers / that we are but dust.

All who are able, stand for the reading of the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and

restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is then kept for a space.

All kneel or sit.

The Celebrant says the following prayer over the ashes.

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

All come forward to receive ashes.

Those physically unable to come forward are invited to remain in their seats and ashes will be brought to them.

*When all have received the sign of penitence, silence is kept for a space,
then all are invited to kneel or sit and join in singing the psalm (spoken at 7:30 a.m.)*

PSALM 51

Miserere mei, Deus

Chant by Matthew Camidge



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | loving- | kindness; *
in your great compassion | blot out | my of | fenses.
- 2 Wash me through and | through • from my | wickedness *
and | cleanse me | from my | sin.
- 3 For I | know • my trans | gressions, *
and my | sin is | ever • be | fore me.

- 4 Against you | only • have I | sinned *
and done what is | evil | in your | sight.
- 5 And so you are justified | when you | speak *
and | upright | in your | judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been | wicked • from my | birth, *
a | sinner • from my | mother's | womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth | deep with|in me, *
and will make me under|stand | wisdom | secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and | I shall • be | pure; *
wash me, and | I • shall be | clean in|deed.
- 9 Make me hear of | joy and | gladness, *
that the body you have | broken | may re|joice.
- 10 Hide your | face • from my | sins *
and blot | out all | my in|iquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean | heart, O | God, *
and re|new a • right | spirit • with|in me.
- 12 Cast me not a|way • from your | presence *
and take not your | holy | Spirit | from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving | help a|gain *
and sus|tain me • with your | bounti•ful | Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your | ways • to the | wicked, *
and sinners | shall re|turn to | you.
- 15 Deliver me from | death, O | God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O | God of | my sal|vation.
- 16 Open my | lips, O | Lord, *
and my | mouth • shall pro|claim your | praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have | offered | sacrifice, *
but you take no de|light in | burnt-|offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a | troubled | spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O | God, • you will | not des|pise.

19 Be favorable and | gracious • to | Zion, *
and re|build the | walls of • Jer|usalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt-|offerings | and ob|lations; *
then shall they offer young | bullocks • up|on your | altar.

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY

***HYMN # 314**

“Humbly I adore thee”

Adoro devote

- 1 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,
who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.**
- 2 Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;
what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.**
- 3 O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;
living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
to my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.**

4 Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold:
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching our Worship I*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS *S 122

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Plainsong; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All who are able, kneel or stand.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another,

and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Andrew and Matthew all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

***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.***

***For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free wafers are at the station at the center of the altar railing.

*MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Oh, Fix Me”
Gus Mercante, Soloist

Negro Spiritual

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (All in unison)

Merciful God, in the Body and Blood of your Son, you grant your faithful people, pardon and peace: Grant that, cleansed from our sins, we may serve you with a quiet mind, and proclaim your pardon and peace to others; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow down before the Lord *(All kneel or sit.)*

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

*HYMN # 150

“Forty days and forty nights”

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

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| <p>1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.</p> | <p>3. Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fall!</p> |
| <p>2. Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?</p> | <p>4. So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.</p> |
| <p>5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.</p> | |

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

***ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

“Lord Jesus, thou art going forth”

Camile Van Hulse (1897-1998)

PARTICIPANTS

Clergy: The Rev. Patrick Burke, Celebrant and Preacher

Lectors: Diane-Louise Casson (7:30 a.m.)
Pat Hampton (12:30 p.m.)
Ernestine Brock-Walker (7:30 p.m.)

Music: Augustine Mercante, *Cantor and Soloist* (12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.)
David Christopher, *Organist and Director of Music*

Live-Stream: William Landis (12:30 p.m.)

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