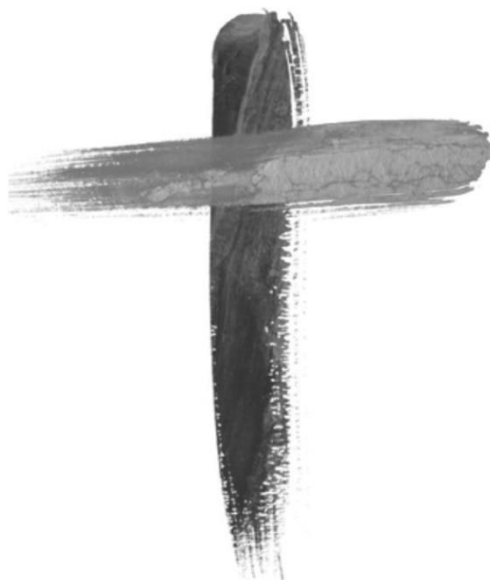


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ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES WITH HOLY EUCHARIST
FEBRUARY 14, 2024 AT 12 NOON AND 7 PM



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ARE YOU VISITING?

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ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES WITH HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

This service bulletin is designed to be used with the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which you will find in your pew rack.

VOLUNTARY

Please stand as the the clergy, choir and altar party enter the chancel in silence from the sacristy.

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 264

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:1-2,12-17

Lector A reading from the Prophet Joel.

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near--a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 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 anger 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 removed 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.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; *
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever
on those who fear him, *
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep his covenant *
and remember his commandments and do them.
- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.

The Psalm continues on the following page.

- 20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
 you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
 and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
 you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; *
 bless the Lord, O my soul.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Lector A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
 and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: The glory of these forty days (*verses 1-4*)

Hymnal 143

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

A period of silence is kept.

THE INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

BCP, p. 264

All stand

Celebrant 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 time, all kneeling.

Celebrant 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.**

All are invited forward at this time to receive the imposition of ashes.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

After all who wish to receive the imposition of ashes have done so, the ministers and people kneel together, reciting the following Psalm.

At Noon, the Psalm is said responsively by half verse.

At 7 PM the Psalm is sung by the choir and the congregation.

PSALM 51, *Miserere mei, Deus*

BCP, p. 266

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before 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 within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

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- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

BCP, p. 267

All kneeling

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

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

People **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

People **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

People **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

People **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

People **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant 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,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

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

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

People **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Celebrant Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

People **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Celebrant By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

People **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Celebrant standing and, facing the people, says

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.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Open your phone's camera, point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Sung at 7 PM only*

Drop, drop, slow tears

Roland A. Martinrke

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance, sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears,
nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears. Amen.*

PRESENTATION HYMN: The glory of these forty days (*verse 5*)

Hymnal 143

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARIST PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant ...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and
with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the
glory of your Name:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S 130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic prayer continues on page 362 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant ...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and
glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

INVITATION AND COMMUNION

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup?

Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)?

Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.

Where can I go to receive only the bread?

Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."

Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread?

Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.

Where can I go to receive a blessing?

Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me?

Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN: And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Hymn 337

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Common Prayer, The Church of England

The Celebrant and people say together:

**God of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

With the people kneeling, the Celebrant continues:

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. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people depart in silence.

Serving Today at Noon

Ushers	Peg Dorer and Sarah Boney
Lector & Chalcist	Jennifer Tlusty
Livestream	Ed Sharp

Serving Today at 7 PM

Ushers	Dan and Ginger Harris
Verger	Caryl Fuller
Acolytes	Noah Scanlon and Frankie Scanlon
Lector & Chalcist	Ian Finley

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays

8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)

8:30 AM-12 NOON NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE (INFANT THROUGH 4 YO)

9 AM ADULT FORMATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL (PRECHOOL THROUGH 5TH GRADE)

10:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II) AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

11:30 AM FELLOWSHIP TIME

5:30 PM EYC

Wednesdays During Lent

(FEBRUARY 21 – MARCH 27)

12 NOON LUNCHTIME EUCHARIST (30 MINUTES)

Fridays During Lent

(FEBRUARY 16-MARCH 22)

12 NOON STATIONS OF THE CROSS