

ASH WEDNESDAY

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THE WORD OF GOD

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 LESSONS

FIRST READING

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow 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—
²a 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.
¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend 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. ¹⁴Who 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? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather 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.
¹⁷Between 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?’”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:8-14

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, *
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always accuse, *
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, *
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west, *
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion for his children, *
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

¹⁴For he knows how we were made; *
he remembers that we are dust.

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20B—6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For 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! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ¹“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. ²“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.

³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵“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. ⁶But 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. ¹⁶“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. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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. ¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

HOMILY

REV'D STEPHANIE JENKINS

LENTEN INVITATION

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.

BLESSING OF 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

PSALM 51

Kneeling together, said in unison during imposition of ashes

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹²Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

¹⁴I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.

¹⁵Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.

¹⁶Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

LITANY OF PENITENCE

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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

NOW QUIT YOUR CARE AND ANXIOUS FEAR • HYMN 145

Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry; for
 To bow the head in sack-cloth and in ashes, or
 For right-eous - ness and peace will show their fac - es to
 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn - ing; your

schemes are vain and fret - ting brings no gain. Lent calls to
 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be
 those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -
 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo - ry

prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty
 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come
 dress, who build the old waste plac - es, and in the dark - ness
 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the

Unison *Harmony*

nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;
 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;
 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

The musical score is written on two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The top staff is labeled 'Unison' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Harmony'. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine! A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us bless the LORD.

People

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Upcoming Gatherings

February 14 – Ash Wednesday Services @ noon and 5:30pm

February 21 & 28 – Holy Eucharist @ 5:30pm; Soup @ 6pm;
“Dwelling in the Word” @ 6:30pm

March 6 & 13 – Holy Eucharist @ 5:30pm; Soup @ 6pm;
“Dwelling in the Word” @ 6:30pm

March 24 – Palm Sunday 8am & 10:15am

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Join us for soup, salad, bread, and fellowship!

See the signup board in the back of the Nave!

Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm

Soup at 6pm

“Dwelling in the Word” at 6:30pm



Dates:

February 21

February 28

March 6

March 13

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