



Ash Wednesday

*A Service of Holy Eucharist with
Imposition of Ashes*

Wednesday, February 22 | 7 AM + 7 PM

Evening Service - Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on the lower level, near the north entrance.

Liturgy of the Word

Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Silence

Liturgical Greeting

Priest	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People	God's mercy endures forever.

Collect of the Day

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.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Here we are, then, speaking for Christ, as though God himself were making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf: let God change you from enemies into his friends! Christ was without sin, but for our sake God made him share our sin in order that in union with him we might share the righteousness of God.

In our work together with God, then, we beg you who have received God's grace not to let it be wasted. Hear what God says:

“When the time came for me to show you favor, I heard you;
when the day arrived for me to save you, I helped you.”

Listen! This is the hour to receive God's favor; today is the day to be saved! We do not want anyone to find fault with our work, so we try not to put obstacles in anyone's way. Instead, in everything we do we show that we are God's servants by patiently enduring troubles, hardships, and difficulties. We have been beaten, jailed, and mobbed; we have been overworked and have gone without sleep or food. By our purity, knowledge, patience, and kindness we have shown ourselves to be God's servants—by the Holy Spirit, by our true love, by our message of truth, and by the power of God. We have righteousness as our weapon, both to attack and to defend ourselves. We are honored and disgraced; we are insulted and praised. We are treated as liars, yet we speak the truth; as unknown, yet we are known by all; as though we were dead, but,

as you see, we live on. Although punished, we are not killed; although saddened, we are always glad; we seem poor, but we make many people rich; we seem to have nothing, yet we really possess everything.

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

Psalm 103:8-14

⁸ The Lord is merciful and loving,
slow to become angry and full of constant love.

⁹ He does not keep on rebuking;
he is not angry forever.

¹⁰ He does not punish us as we deserve
or repay us according to our sins and wrongs.

¹¹ As high as the sky is above the earth,
so great is his love for those who honor him.

¹² As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our sins from us.

¹³ As a father is kind to his children,
so the Lord is kind to those who honor him.

¹⁴ He knows what we are made of;
he remembers that we are dust.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days

Gather 397

1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight,
4. Then grant that we like them be true,

We cel - e - brate with songs of praise;
The lov - ing God who gave the law;
De - liv - ered from the li - on's might;
Con - sumed in fast and prayer with you;

For Christ, by whom all things were made,
And to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came,
And John, the Bride-groom's friend, be - came
Our spir - its strength - en with your grace,

Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
And give us joy to see your face.

Text: *Clarum decus jejunii*; Gregory the Great, c. 540-604; tr. by Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, © Oxford University Press
Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH, LM: Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-1561

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you Lord Christ.

“Make certain you do not perform your religious duties in public so that people will see what you do. If you do these things publicly, you will not have any reward from your Father in heaven.

“So when you give something to a needy person, do not make a big show of it, as the hypocrites do in the houses of worship and on the streets. They do it so that people will praise them. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. But when you help a needy person, do it in such a way that even your closest friend will not know about it. Then it will be a private matter. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you.

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites! They love to stand up and pray in the houses of worship and on the street corners, so that everyone will see them. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. But when you pray, go to your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you.

“And when you fast, do not put on a sad face as the hypocrites do. They neglect their appearance so that everyone will see that they are fasting. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. When you go without food, wash your face and comb your hair, so that others cannot know that you are fasting—only your Father, who is unseen, will know. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you.

“Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and robbers cannot break in and steal. For your heart will always be where your riches are.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

“Frenemies of God”
The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Please stand as you are able.

The Invitation to a Holy Lent

BCP 264-5

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 (*kneeling*)

Blessing of the Ashes

BCP 265

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.**

The Imposition of the Ashes

To receive the ashes, please come forward and the clergy will make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

At the evening service, as the ashes are imposed, the choir will lead us in the following song.

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

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.

Absolution

BCP 269

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

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Hymnal 43, v. 4

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361-366

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

**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.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Breaking of the Bread

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **grant us your peace.**

Communion

You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.

*To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the wafer into the bowl. Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**. To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest.*

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

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Refrain

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

Verses

1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry,
give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

From Ashes to the Living Font

Gather 402, v. 1, 2 & 4

1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
3. *(sing verse appropriate to the Sunday below)*
4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your

1. Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in
2. voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to
- 3.
4. Church must jour - ney still, Through cross and tomb to

1. grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.
2. ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.
- 3.
4. Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, spreading our knowledge that God loves every one of us.
People We will with God's help.

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Presider/Preacher

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Deacon

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Music Director

Don Agee

Acolytes

Sophia Halbrook, James Halbrook, OPEN

Chalice Bearers

Marshall Little (7 am)

Amy Rech (7 pm)

Lector/Litanist

Pat Prijatel (7 am)

Mary Crandell, John Wheeler (7 pm)

Oblation Bearers

Dick Leonard (7 am)

Lucy Luft, Luke Luft, Marcy Luft (7 pm)

Ushers

Moses Bittok (7 am)

OPEN (7 pm)

Altar Guild

Priscilla Sayeed (7 am)

Julie Feirer, Marty Wells (7 pm)

Vestry Representative

Beth Arnold (7 pm)

Live Stream Coordinator

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Lenten Series

Wednesdays, March 1–March 29

6 p.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. – Dinner in the Parish Hall

7 p.m. – Programs for Children and Adults

Adult Program: “The Enemies of Jesus”

Over these five Wednesday evenings, we will look more closely at some of the biblical characters who opposed Jesus during his ministry and even sought to have him killed. We read about these characters every Holy Week, but we rarely take a close look at their motivations and historical context in order to see them as real, complex individuals. Throughout the series, we'll explore how our own prejudices and support for the status quo lead us to have more in common with these “enemies of Jesus” than we often realize.

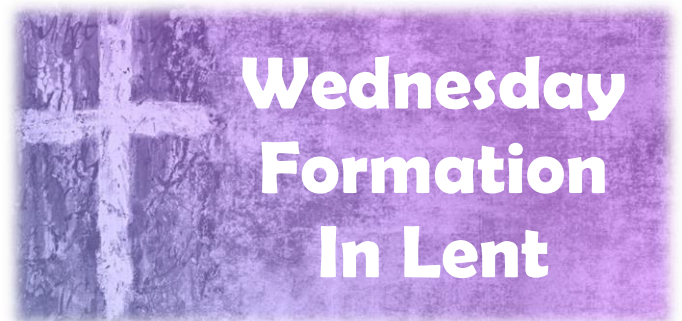
March 1: The Pharisees

March 8: King Herod

March 15: Judas Iscariot

March 22: Caiaphas and the chief priests

March 29: Pontius Pilate



Children's and Youth Program

Our children and youth will be diving into books that help explore the realities of discrimination and Christ's call to love our neighbor. Grades K-5 will be reading “I Dissent,” “Soldier for Equality,” “Hammering for Freedom,” and “A Song for the Unsung.” Grades 6-12 will be reading “The Black Friend.”

There will be no Children's and Youth Program on March 15 for Spring Break.