



# Ash Wednesday

## A Service of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 18 | 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

#### Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*Please be seated.*

#### The First Reading

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

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?'"

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

# Psalm 103:8-14

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

<sup>9</sup> He does not keep on rebuking;  
he is not angry forever.

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

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

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

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

<sup>14</sup> He knows what we are made of;  
he remembers that we are dust.

Please stand as you are able.

## Gospel Hymn

## Eternal Lord of Love

## Hymnal 149

Sing v. 1-2 before the Gospel, v. 3 following

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)  
Music: Old 124th, melody *Psaumes octante trois de David*, 1551;  
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.**

## Sermon

"Dependent on 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.***

## Litany of Penitence

BCP 267-269

*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

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

## Liturgy of the Table

## Offertory

## A Lenten Prayer

Salieri

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Doxology

Gather 397, v. 1

***The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ, by whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.***

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Expansive Language Prayer C

Priest    God be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Priest    Lift up your hearts.  
People **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Priest    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

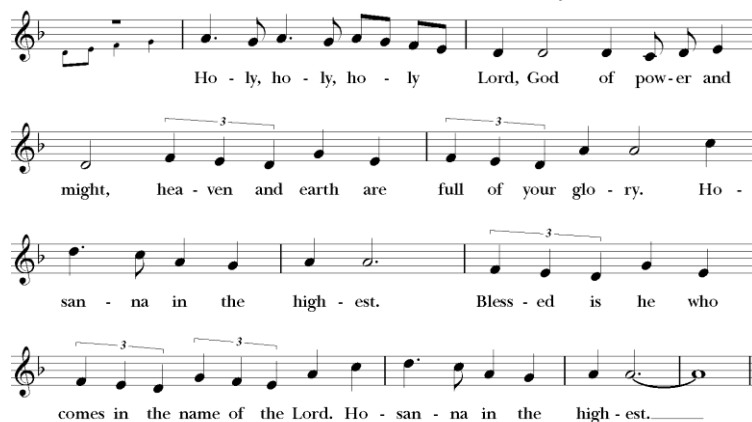
## Sanctus

Hymnal S129

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.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread,  
said the blessing, broke the bread,  
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."



After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 chalice. 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.*

## Refrain



## 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.

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## Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

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.

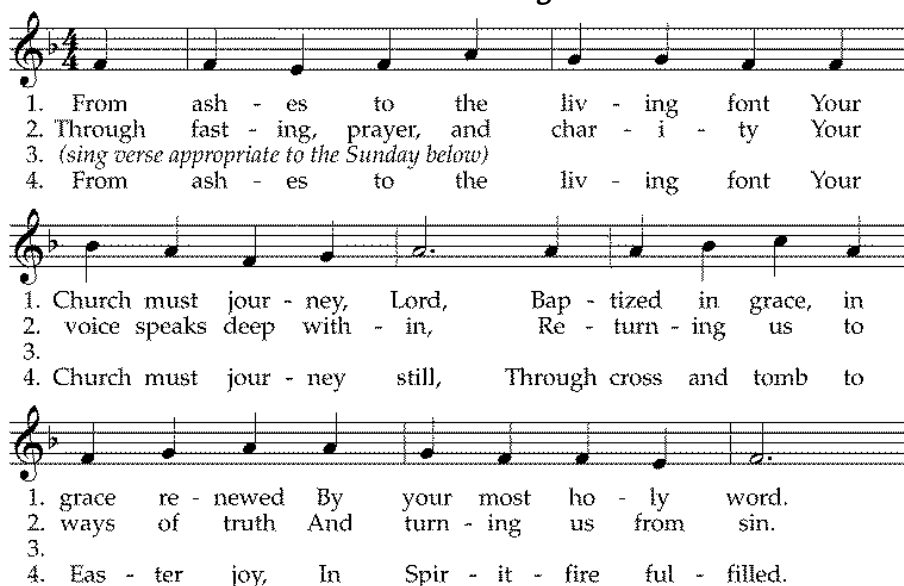
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Blessing

## Closing Hymn

## From Ashes to the Living Font

Gather 402, v. 1, 2 &amp; 4



## Dismissal

**Deacon** Let us now go forth with our eyes caught, our ears opened, our attention captured to turn toward God's vision for our world. Let us follow God's call to be God's love in the world.

**People** **We will with God's help.**

## Postlude

# MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

### Presider/Preacher

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

### Deacon

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

### Music Director

Don Agee

### Acolytes

Neana Griffith Tierney, Nick Griffith Tierney,  
Ashlyn Rounceville

### Chalice Bearers

Lyndy Wells (7 am)  
Amy Rech, Lyndy Wells (7 pm)

### Lector/Litanist

Lyndy Wells (7 am)  
Alex Volker, Peggy George (7 pm)

### Oblation Bearers

Marty Wells (7 am)  
Marty Wells, Dick Leonard (7 pm)

### Ushers

Larry Shea (7 am)  
Dan Montgomery (7 pm)

### Altar Guild

Marty Wells, Lexi Brennan (7 am)  
Priscilla Dickinson, Amy Rech (7 pm)

### Vestry Representative

Steve Crann (7 pm)

### Live Stream Coordinator

Neil Guy

## Lenten Series

### Wednesdays, February 25-March 25

6 pm Worship in the Sanctuary  
6:30 pm Dinner in the Parish Hall  
7 pm Adult Program in the Gathering Center



### Faith and Democracy"

As followers of Jesus, we know the gospel has consequences not only for our individual lives, but for how we live together as a society. We also know our country has prized religious freedom from its beginnings. So what role can or should our religious values play in a pluralistic culture? Over these five weeks, we'll look at scripture, U.S. history, and a variety of Christian thinkers to consider how we can live out our faith in today's world.

### February 25: Biblical "Kingdoms": David, Jesus, and Caesar

### March 4: Faith of the Founders

### March 11: Christian Perspectives on Government

### March 18: Christian Nationalism

### April 25: Faith and the Issues



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