All Saints' Episcopal Church

Ash Wednesday

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 ◆ 7:30 p.m.

Welcome to worship at All Saints'.

Ash Wednesday is the first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshippers, a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality. The Old Testament frequently mentions the use of ashes as an expression of humiliation and sorrow. Ashes for use on Ash Wednesday are made from burned palms from Palm Sunday services. Ashes are imposed on the penitent's forehead with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Book of Common Prayer, p.265). The imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday is optional.

Ash Wednesday is a day for fasting in the church year.

Introit | Misereris

plainsong (Mode I)

You are merciful to all, O Lord, and you hate nothing that you have made; you overlook the sins of men that they may repent, and you spare them; for you are the Lord our God.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful: for I have taken refuge in you.

Words: Wisdom 11, Psalm 51

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent."



The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday

The people stand as the bell tolls.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures forever.

Collect of the Day

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

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,

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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?"



Psalm | 103:8-14

The people remain seated.

The choir sings the refrain, and the people repeat. The verses are sung by the choir.





The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.

Refrain

The Second Lesson | 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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:

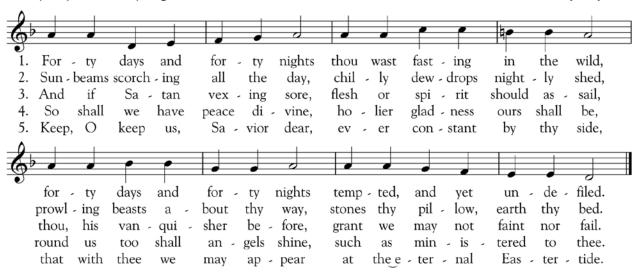
Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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.

The people stand.

"Forty days and forty nights"

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich



The Gospel Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Gospeler The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

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

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

Sermon *The people are seated at the preacher's invitation.*

A period of silent prayer follows the sermon.

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 Rev. Dr. Simon J. Mainwaring



Invitation to a Holy Lent

The people 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.

The people kneel as able, and keep silence for a time.

Imposition of Ashes

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.

The people are seated. Those who desire may come forward and receive the imposition of ashes at the altar. The ashes are imposed with the following words:

Celebrant

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Psalm | 51 Miserere mei, Deus

Sung by the choir.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be favorable and gracious to Zion, and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and oblations; then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

The people remain kneeling.



Alana Bennett, cello

Litany of Penitence

Celebrant and People

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

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.

Peace | *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange a sign of God's peace, and are seated.

Announcements

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"Wash me throughly"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin. For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Words: Psalm 51:2-3

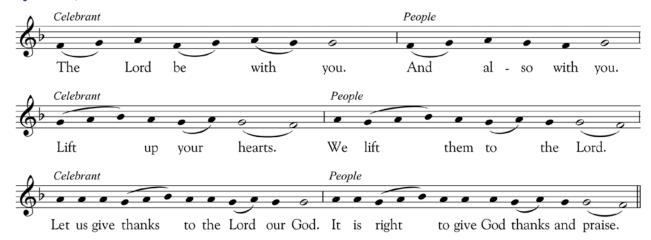
Presentation Hymn

The people stand.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine" Rockingham Were the whole realm of na ture mine, that were an fering far small: love too SO maz ing, а life, all. di - vine, de - mands SO my soul, my my



Eucharistic Prayer C



Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,

galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

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

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us

with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

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

Celebrant 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 only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,

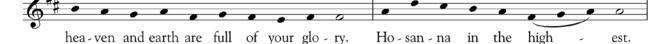
apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked

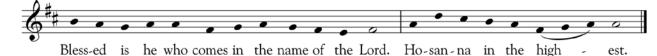
to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus | S 124

Setting: New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)







The Celebrant continues

And so, we who have been redeemed by 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 of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our forebears: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah; God 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. 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.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

Accept these prayers and praises, O 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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you are

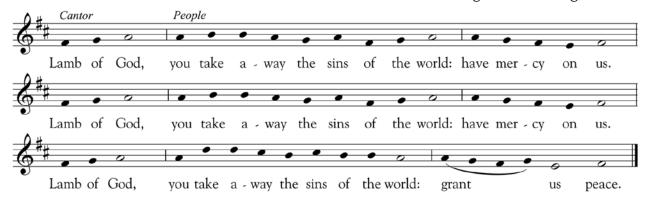
on your journey, you are welcome at this table.

The people are seated.

All are welcome at God's table. You may receive bread at the altar or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Healing prayers are available at the conclusion of the service, upon request.

Agnus Dei | S 161

Setting: New Plainsong, D. Hurd



Communion Motet

"Turn thy face from my sins"

Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Words: *Psalm 51:9-11*

Communion Meditation

Suite No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1008 I. Prélude Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Alana Bennett, cello

Post Communion Prayer

The people stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Christ, 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 Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing | Celebrant

Let us bow down before the Lord.

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and forever more. **Amen**.

The people stand.

Closing Hymn | 143

"The glory of these forty days"

Erhalt uns, Herr



Dismissal | Gospeler Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



Assisting in Worship

Worship

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Worship Notes

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Stations of the Cross

During Lent, original art representing the fourteen Stations of the Cross is installed in the All Saints' nave by the Arts Theology Committee. The stations refer to fourteen key events at the end of Jesus' life, from the moment he is condemned to die, through his suffering, death on the cross, and burial. During Sunday worship in Lent, we pray that this art may serve as a visual story-teller, and a companion in prayer as we walk the Way of the Cross. We have also created a short liturgy to accompany each of the fourteen stations, and you are invited to pray this liturgy during the first three days of Holy Week, April 11, 12, and 13, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

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