

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

March 5, 2025

7pm

### WELCOME

- Those who wish to make a comment are encouraged to speak with a greeter/usher or a vestry member
- Those unable to come forward may receive communion in their pew. Please speak to an usher.

*(Hymn numbers refer to the blue Hymnal; WLP numbers refer to the green Wonder, Love & Praise)*



Gather in Silence, all seated

# Gathering Prayer

Repeated

## Lead me Lord with Amen

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Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, Make thy way plain before my face. A - men.

3rd time

### A Time of Silence

The Word of God *Please kneel as you are able*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People** *His mercy endures forever.*

### Kyrie

WLP #837

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday *Please stand as you are able.*

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.

**People** *Amen.*

## The Lessons *Please be seated.*

### From the Hebrew Bible

Reader A reading from Isaiah (58:1-12) *(In Arabic)*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

### The Psalm

**Psalm 103:8-14** *(Together in Arabic and English)*

- 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.

### From the Epistles

Reader A Reading from 2 Corinthians (5:20b-6:10) *(In English)*

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn Glory to you, Word of God

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Speak, O Lord, your ser - vant is lis - ten-ing;

you have the words of ev - er-last - ing life.

Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

**The Gospel** *(People stand, as ability allows)*

Celebrant 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."

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

### The Sermon

*After the Sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant or Minister appointed invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying*

### Invitation to a Holy Lent *(standing, as ability allows)*

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 kept for a time. Please kneel.*

### Prayer Over the Ashes *People continue to kneel while the Celebrant stands.*

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.

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### Imposition of Ashes

*The ashes are imposed with the following words.*

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

*As ashes are imposed the following hymn is sung*

### Psalm 51

### Arabic Chant

### Confession of Sin *Please kneel.*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**People** **Amen.**

**The Peace** *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

## Offertory Music

### THE HOLY COMMUNION (Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer p 361)

#### The Great Thanksgiving *(People stand, as ability allows)*

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 him 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 for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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.**

Celebrant 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.**

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.

**People** **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

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

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6 A-ba - na in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your ho-ly name. Your king-dom come Your will be  
11 done, in all the earth as is in heav'n. Your king-dom come, your will be done in all the  
16 earth as is in heav'n. And give to us give us this day our dai-ly bread, O Lord, we  
21 pray For-give our sins as we for - give those who have sinned a-against us. and save  
26 us in time of trial De-li-ver us from e - vil. Yours is the king - dom, Yours the  
pow - er, Yours is the glo - ry now and ev - er. A-ba - na in heav - en A - men.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

### Agnus Dei

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AgnusDe-i qui tol-lis pec-ca ta mun - di. Mi se-re-re no-bis. Do na no bis pa-cem.

### The Communion of the People

*(Honoring the example of Jesus, we welcome everyone to his table)*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

### Communion Music

## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

BOS p.25

Celebrant 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; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**People** **Amen.**

## Announcements

## Closing Hymn

## Repent to the Lord

*Refrain: Repent to the Lord, the kingdom is near, return to love, and the departure from it is strange*

**1- From the depths of my sins I called listening to the voice of my prayers I changed your face**

**What you wished you could have met my hopes. Refrain**

**2- Pour out of your tenderness a drop that turns into a wasteland and come back, or give my eyes a tear in the sink of it A child will come back. Refrain**

**3- And if you are ashamed of shame or disgrace, then the beats of your love will pass to the end in my blood. Refrain**

TUBU ILARRABBI

توبوا إلى الربّ

(Paroles: Père Michel Hayek)  
(Musique: Père Mansour Labaky)

**Ref.**

Tu - bu i - la - ar - rab - bi in - nal ma - la - ku - ta qa -  
rib 'u - du i - la - al hub - bi fal  
**Couplet**  
kha - ri - ju 'an - hu gha - rib min 'umqi a - sa -  
mi da - 'awt an - sit i - la saw - ti du - ay  
a - naghayra waj - hi - ka ma ra - jawt mal - qa - hu ma -  
du - ba - tu ra - jay

## The Dismissal

*The Priest says the dismissal*

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please leave in silence.*