

Ash Wednesday: March 2, 2022

12:00 Noon & 7:30 PM

All are warmly invited to participate in worship in whatever way is safest and best for them. Those of us who worship in person and those who worship at home are all members of one parish family, united in love of God and neighbor.

In order to aid in your decision making, the precautions we take during in person worship are summarized on the back page of your bulletin. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the forty days before Easter, in which Christians focus on our call to ongoing repentance and reconciliation with God and others. Lent is a penitential season: a call to humility as we remember our mortality and our need for God.

During Lent we focus on prayer, self-examination, and repentance. Our hope is not to be mired in guilt, but rather to clear a space in our inner world that gives God room to act. Some find that giving something up – a favorite food, a habit – helps to open that space for God and serves as a constant reminder of God's presence. Others find it more helpful to take on a new spiritual practice during this season. We pray that this Lent will be a season of spiritual renewal for all.

We are glad to be worshipping with you today. The Ash Wednesday service will begin in silence.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 READINGS

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

Psalm

Reader Please join me in praying together Psalm 103:1-14.

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 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.

Second Reading

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.

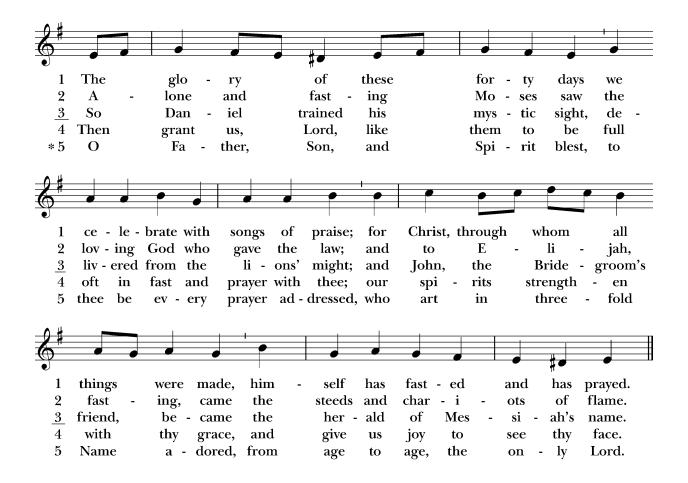
As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"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: 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 The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

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

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon the Rev. Ginger Solaqua

Please stand in body or in spirit. **Invitation to a Holy Lent**

Book of Common Prayer p. 264

Silence is kept for a time, all kneeling.

Imposition of Ashes

The presider blesses the ashes, saying

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.**

Clergy will disinfect their thumb before each imposition. Those who would like to receive ashes but do not feel comfortable attending in person are invited to contact the clergy or the office to receive a package of ashes that can you can impose on yourself or share with other members of your household.

Psalm 51 All say the psalm together in unison. Please kneel in body or in spirit.

- 1 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.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 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.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 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.

- 14 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.
- 17 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.

Litany of Penitence

Book of Common Prayer p. 267

All 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 what we have left undone.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the

pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People We confess to you, Lord.

Presider Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation

of other people,

People We confess to you, Lord.

Presider Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those

more fortunate than ourselves,

People We confess to you, Lord.

Presider Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and

our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People We confess to you, Lord.

Presider Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to

commend the faith that is in us,

People We confess to you, Lord.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of

concern for those who come after us,

People Accept our repentance, Lord.

Presider Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

People Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Presider Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

People That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Presider By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

People Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Presider 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.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Music Offering (7:30 service) Sweet Hour of Prayer

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Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known! In seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief, And oft escaped the tempter's snare By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless: And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His word, and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care, And wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I Thy consolation share, Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height, I view my home and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise To seize the everlasting prize; And shout, while passing thro' the air, "Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer A

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

(Noon Service)

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.



The Presider praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and remembers Jesus' invitation at the Last Supper.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

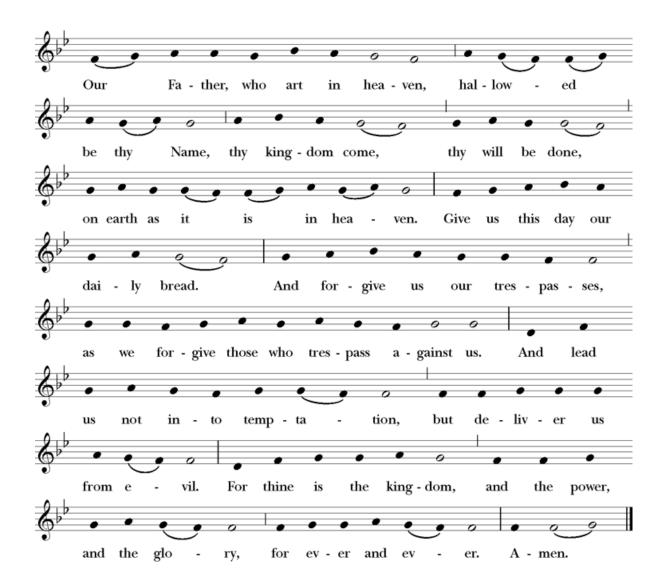
The Presider then prays that the bread and wine may be for God's people the Body and Blood of Christ, and that all may receive the benefits of Christ's work and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

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.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer (Spoken at the noon service)

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

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Communion

All who desire to share in Communion are encouraged to do so. Please wear your mask and step at least 6 feet away from the clergy before removing your mask to consume the Host. If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. To indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you step forward.

If you are worshipping at home and not able to come to church for Communion, you are invited to pray this prayer:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

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Please stand in body or in spirit.

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.

Prayer Over the People

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel in body or in spirit.

Presider 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; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Dismissal

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you for participating in our virtual or in-person worship.

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For those in the sanctuary, please be aware that this service will be live-streamed. Both audio and video will be recorded. The area under the balcony will not be filmed, however, audio may be overheard.

Our community is committed to keeping our members, visitors, and community safe during the pandemic. All our clergy and lectors are required to be vaccinated and submit their records to the office. Our acolytes have the same requirement, unless they are too young to be vaccinated in which case they must test negative on the day to participate. The worship leaders and the congregation are distanced and masked during the whole service. As required by the city of Lexington, the clergy preacher must test negative on the Friday and Sunday of her sermon in order to remove her mask while preaching, and turn on the HEPA filter in front of the pulpit. We also keep the windows open in the sanctuary in order to facilitate air flow. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Dr. Erica Brotschi, the head of the Regathering Committee,

Rev. Ginger or Mtr. Emily.

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