



Holy Cross

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ash Wednesday
Holy Eucharist
March 2, 2022

The Service of the Word

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Collect of the Day – prayed by the Celebrant

The Old Testament: *Isaiah 58:1-12*

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.

Psalm 103:8-14: (read responsively by whole verse)

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.

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

Reader 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Roger Hungerford

Invitation to a Holy Lent

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 is 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 Imposition of Ashes *(All come forward for the imposition of ashes.)*

Litany of Penitence *(All pray together)*

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.**

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: Welcome & Announcements



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. If you wish to receive a **gluten-free** wafer, please simply request one from the priest while at the rail.*

The Doxology

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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 361 BCP)

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.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again..

The Lord's Prayer (p. 364 BCP)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 366 BCP)

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the 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.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Flower Dedications

A Note on Lent

We begin Lent this week starting with Ash Wednesday where we remember our frailty and dependence on God. Lent has a scriptural basis as it mirrors the sacrificial time Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his ministry. It is a forty-day period where we prepare ourselves, our church, and our homes for the coming of our resurrected Lord. In the past, people did acts of penance and spring-cleaning during Lent. We don't do that as much now; but we still take

time to read scripture, pray, and meditate. We may also fast or give up a luxury during Lent, so that we, in a small way, feel a tinge of hunger and make a small sacrifice to give us a physical reminder of the hunger and sacrifice Jesus felt while spending 40 days in the wilderness. Reading, praying, meditating and fasting are Lenten ways we can deepen our relationship with our Lord.

- Rev. Rog

Prayer List

Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.

Requested Prayer

Allen, Axel, Barbara C., Barbara N., Bet, Betty, Bob, Bobby, Brad, Brandy, Brenda B., Brenna, Cindy, Curtis, Dale, David I., Debra, Don D., Don I., Don S., Donnie, Emily, Erica R., Fr. Chris, Gordon, Jackie, Joseph, Joyce, Kathy B., Kathy M., Kevin, LaKeisha, Laura, Linda, Lorraine, Mabel, Marilyn, Nancy, Pamela, Ralph, Ron H., Ron L., Rosemary, Sally, Shane, Sherry Jo, Stephen, Sylvia, Theresa, Tom, Tony, Trinity, Trish, Trisha, Tyler, Vickie, Wade, William B., The Eddy Family, & The Guillaume Family

Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck,

Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., T. J. Bossa, Tyler Post, William Verwoerd

Prayers for Peace In Ukraine

Rest of the Soul

Demetrius Guillaume
Kevin Eddy
Rita Dye
Betty Kucera
All Who Have Died from Covid-19

Prayers for Discernment Leanne Whalen

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