

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**MARCH 1, 2017 — ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II — 12:00 AND 7:00 P.M.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**



Hearing-assistance devices are available; simply request one from an usher.  
The silence before today's liturgy provides a time for prayer and meditation.

Please silence all devices.

Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chime.

[NOTE: Hymns, psalms and service music will be sung only at the 7:00 service.]

**HYMNAL #143      The Glory of These Forty Days      ERHALT UNS, HERR**

**COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

**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.

Please be seated.

**FIRST READING    Joel 2:1-2, 12-17      (pew Bible p. 831)**

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.

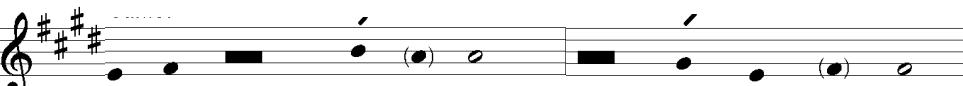
Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.

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?'"

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

**PSALM 103: 8-14      (said or sung by all)**

Tone 2.1



**Cantor:** 8 The Lord is full of compassion and / mercy,\*  
slow to anger and of / great kindness.

**All:** 9 He will not always ac- / cuse us,\* (pause at \*)  
nor will he keep his anger / for ev-er.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our / sins,\*  
nor rewarded us according to / our wick(ed)ness.

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      (pew Bible p. 1055)**

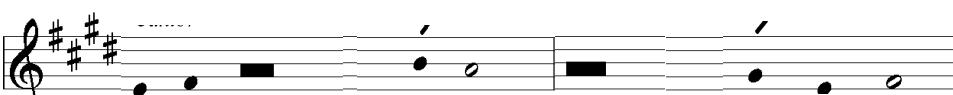
We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened 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 commanded 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.

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel sequence.

[7:00: The antiphon is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all before and after the verse.]



You will call to the Lord and he will / hear you;\*  
you will cry to the Lord and he will say, / "Here I am."

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

**People** Glory to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21**

(pew Bible p. 883)

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.

**HOMILY**

Silence is observed after the homily.

**CALL TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT** Please stand, as able.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 264

**PRAYER FOR THE 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.

**People** Amen.

The ashes are imposed with the following words by the Celebrant:

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

**PSALM 51      Miserere mei, Deus**

Tone IV.1

[7:00: Psalm 51 is sung by the choir during the imposition of ashes at the altar rail.]

Psalm 51 is found in the Book of Common Prayer, p. 266.

Please kneel as able, or be seated.

#### LITANY OF PENITENCE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 267

#### PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those near you.

#### WELCOME

Please be seated.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord's table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common bread is gluten-free.

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM [7:00] *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* R. Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sin to our charge;  
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:  
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
That we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

The alms and oblations are presented in silence.

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord;  
People And of Thine own have we given Thee.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCARISTIC PRAYER A Book of Common Prayer, (BCP), p. 361

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

**SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS** (said or sung by all) David Hurd  
(7:00: The music is found at S 124 in the front section of the hymnal.)

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.

Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.

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 ....

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption . . .  
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.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

#### DISTRIBUTION

**AGNUS DEI** (said or sung by all) David Hurd  
(7:00: The music is found at S 161 in the front section of the hymnal.)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### COMMUNION MUSIC

**HYMNAL #150** *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

AUS DER TIEFE

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (said by all, kneeling or standing)

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.

**HYMNAL #142** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN  
[7:00]

#### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People Thanks be to God.

The choir and clergy will process out in silence following the Dismissal.  
Please remain standing, if able.

You may remain as long as you wish. Please leave in silence.

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#### ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

CELEBRANT The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller  
PREACHER The Reverend Jared Weber-Johnson  
DEACON The Reverend Margaret Thor  
ALTAR GUILD Volunteers  
ADULT CHOIR Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music and Organist  
ACOLYTES Volunteers  
READERS 12:00, Brad McKenna  
VERGER 7:00, Cammie Beattie  
USHERS & GREETERS Joan Potter  
12:00, Marvin Cadwell, Cindy Bertheau  
7:00, Barbara Lindeke, Lea Anne Schmidt, Judy Stack-Nelson