



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 10, 2016

**A Service of Holy Eucharist
with Imposition of Ashes**

SAINT STEPHEN-IN-THE-FIELDS

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 – Ash Wednesday

The service begins on page 185 of the Book of Alternative Services (BAS). Hymns and service music are found in the blue Common Praise hymnal.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional hymn 614: *Forgive our sins as we forgive*

DETROIT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Trisagion

Alexander Archangelsky

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

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LITURGY OF THE WORD (A period of silence is observed after each reading and the homily).

First Reading: Isaiah 58.1-12 (please be seated)

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

Psalm 103.8-18

- 8 THE LORD is full of compassion and mer-cy, /
slow to anger and of great kind-ness.
- 9 He will not always ac-cuse us, / nor will he keep his an-ger for ev-er.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, /
nor rewarded us according to our wick-edness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high a-bove 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 re-moved our sins from us.
- 13 **As a father cares for his child-ren, / 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.
- 15 **Our days are like the grass; / we flourish like a flow-er of the field;**
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, / and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 **But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, / and his righteousness on child-ren's child-ren;**
- 18 On those who keep his cov-enant /
and remember his command-ments and do them.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5.20 – 6.10

Reader The word of the Lord. *Response* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21 (*please stand, as able*)

Reader The Lord be with you. *Response* **And also with you.**

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

Response **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

...following the Gospel:

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

Response **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Rev'd Mtr Maggie Helwig

PENITENTIAL LITANY AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.

We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence is then kept for reflection. You are invited to kneel or sit.

Psalm 51.1–12



PSALM 51 — *Miserere mei, Deus.*

- 1 HAVE MER-cy upon me, O God, after thy great **good-ness** : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine **of-fenc-es**.
- 2 Wash me throughly from my **wick-ed-ness** : and cleanse **me** from[^]my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my **faults** : and my sin is ever **be-fore** me.
- 4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy **sight** : that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and clear **when** thou[^]dost judge.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in **wick-ed-ness** : and in sin hath my mother **con-veiv-ed** me.
- 6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward **parts** : and shalt make me to understand wis-**dom** se-cret-ly.
- 7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be **clean** : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whi-**ter** than snow.
- 8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and **glad-ness** : that the bones which thou hast bro-**ken** may[^]re-joice.
- 9 Turn thy face from my **sins** : and put out all **my** mis-deeds.
- 10 Make me a clean heart, O **God** : and renew a right spirit **with-in** me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy **pre-sence** : and take not thy holy spi-**rit** from me.
- 12 O give me the comfort of thy help a-**gain** : and stablish me with a **free** spi-rit.

All: **Holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, 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 neighbours as ourselves.
 We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All: **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.

All: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
All: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
All: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our anger at our own frustration,
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
All: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
All: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
All: 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,
All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: For our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
All: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Celebrant: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us.
May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence,
and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
All: Amen.

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward, and the ashes are applied to the forehead of each person (standing or kneeling) with the following words.

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

After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling or sitting.

Celebrant: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
All: That we may show forth your glory in the world.
Celebrant: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,
All: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.
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.
All: Amen.

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory hymn 170: *The glory of these forty days* ERHALT UNS, HERR

Prayer over the Gifts p. 286

Eucharistic Prayer 3, Preface of Lent p. 198

Sanctus (*Common Praise 689*)

Lord's Prayer (*BAS, p. 918*) McNeil Robinson

Breaking of the Bread 7 p. 213

Agnus Dei (*Common Praise 690*)

Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest when the communion ministers approach. Feel free either to stand or to kneel – we ask that you not lean on the rail.

Communion hymn 78: *Deck yourself, my soul* SCHMÜCKE DICH

Please stand, as able, for the prayer after communion.

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Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,
**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing hymn 178: *Restore in us, O God*

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.



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