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ANGLICAN

ASH WEDNESDAY

# *welcome!*

We are a community of believers seeking and sharing life in Christ through ancient-future faith. We consider it a great privilege to worship the Lord with you today. In fact, your presence today is a gift from God. Please let us know if we can do anything to help you feel at home.

## CHILDCARE

Childcare is available for children age 2 and under in the nursery, located in the classroom on the right upon entering the lobby.

## WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

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## WELCOME

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures for ever.**

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. In this manner, 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 that all Christians continually have to renew our 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 alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

*The Officiant and people kneel. A period of silent prayer follows.*

Celebrant:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you 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 GOSPEL READING

*The Gospel reading today is from Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.*

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

<sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>“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. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup> “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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> “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. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> 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.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

#### HOMILY

*Please stand.*

#### PENITENTIAL PSALM AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Celebrant: Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God. Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be for us a symbol of our mortality and a sign of our penitence, that we may remember that it is by your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*Then ashes are imposed with the following words*

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

#### PSALM

Liturgist: *A reading from Psalm 51:1-17.*

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; \*  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, \*  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

5 Indeed, I was born guilty, \*  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

6 You desire truth in the inward being; \*  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \*  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; \*  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins, \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from your presence, \*  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, \*  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, \*  
and sinners will return to you.

14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, \*  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

15 O Lord, open my lips, \*  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

16 For you have no delight in sacrifice; \*  
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

## CONFESSION AND LITANY OF PENITENCE

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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, through our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. 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.**

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For our unrighteous anger, bitterness, and resentment; for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call. Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For our negligence in prayer and worship; for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

**Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

*Please stand.*

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Celebrant: On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*We invite you to take advantage of several opportunities:*

All baptized Christians of any age are welcome and encouraged to receive communion. The clergy will celebrate the Eucharist in both kinds while distributing only the bread to the congregation. Gluten free bread is available also. We ask that households maintain social distance with one another when coming forward to receive the sacrament. While not the norm or the ideal, this practice of the laity receiving only the bread for a season has ample historical precedent and fully confers to its recipients the real presence of Christ.

## COMMUNION HYMN

***"Lord Have Mercy"***

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### VERSE 1

O God we come before Your throne  
And in our weakness we confess



We go astray and sin each day  
We cast ourselves upon Your grace  
O Lord have mercy on us  
Sinners in need of grace  
Forgive us our transgressions  
And lead us in Your righteous ways  
God lead us in Your righteous ways

**VERSE 2**

The blood You shed has paid our debts  
Jesus You've washed our sins away  
We trust Your grace believe by faith  
In You we have all righteousness  
O Lord You've shown us mercy  
Sinners are washed as saints  
You've shown Your loving-kindness  
Sons of disgrace are righteous made  
Sons of disgrace are righteous made

**VERSE 3**

We fix our eyes on You our prize  
Jesus the Author of our faith  
Till You return or bring us home  
You strengthen us to run the race  
O Lord forever faithful  
All glory to Your Name  
We have no other Savior  
Our great Redeemer God and King  
Jesus Redeemer God and King

## THE DOXOLOGY

*Please stand and sing.*

### ***“Doxology”***

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#### **INTRO:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart: that desiring you, we may seek you; and that seeking you, we may find you; and that finding you, we may love you; and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Celebrant: All our problems,

**People: We send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our difficulties,

**People: We send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All the devil's works,

**People: We send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our hopes,

**People: We set on the risen Christ.**

## THE HYMN IN RECESSION

### ***“Lord I Need You”***

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#### **VERSE 1**

Lord I come I confess

Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

**CHORUS 1**

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

**VERSE 2**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

**MISC 1  
(BRIDGE)**

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

**CHORUS 2**

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You.

**SENDING FORTH**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**