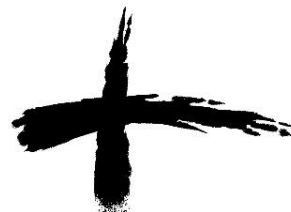


ASH WEDNESDAY

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Holy Communion

From the Book of Common Prayer



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING PRAYER

P Let us pray:

A 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: Isaiah 58: 1-12, Psalm 103: 8-14, 2 Corinthians 5:12b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

L *The first reading is from 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.

L The Holy Spirit still speaks to the Church.

C **Let the Church give thanks to God.**

The Psalm 103

- ℣ The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.
- ☩ **He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.**
- ℣ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- ☩ **For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**
- ℣ As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.
- ☩ **As a father cares for his children, so does the LORD care for those who fear him.**
- ℣ For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.

The Second Reading

- ℣ *The second reading is from Second Corinthians:*
- ℣ 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.
- ℣ The Holy Spirit still speaks to the Church.
- ☩ **Let the Church give thanks to God.**

THE GOSPEL:

- ℣ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
- ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**
- ℣ 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."

☐ This is the Good News of Christ.

☑ **Praise to Jesus, the Living Word.**

SERMON

Michael Durning

[Please be seated.]

EXHORTATION

☐ 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. 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.

PSALM 51:1–18

☐ 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.**

- ℒ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ☩ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**
- ℒ And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.
- ☩ **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- ℒ 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.**
- ℒ Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ☩ **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**
- ℒ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- ☩ **Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- ℒ Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- ☩ **I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.**
- ℒ 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.**
- ℒ 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

[Please kneel, stand or sit, as you choose.]

- ℒ **Most holy and merciful God: 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.**
- ℘ 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. Have mercy on us, Lord.
- ☩ **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. Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- ℘ We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, We confess to you, Lord.
- ☩ **Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, We confess to you, Lord.**
- ℘ Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, We confess to you, Lord.

- ☩ Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, We confess to you, Lord.**
- ℙ** Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us, We confess to you, Lord.
- ☩ 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, Accept our repentance, Lord.**
- ℙ** For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, Accept our repentance, Lord.
- ☩ For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, Accept our repentance, Lord.**
- ℙ** Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.
- ☩ Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, That we may show forth your glory in the world.**
- ℙ** By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.
- ℙ** 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 GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

- ℙ** The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☩ And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING AND PRESENTATION

- ℟** Walk in love, as Christ loves us and gave himself to us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

- ℙ** The Lord be with you
- ☩ And also with you.**
- ℙ** Lift up your hearts

☩ We lift them to the Lord

☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

☩ It is right to give our 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

☩ *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 kneel or stand, as you choose.]

☩ We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

☩ On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

☩ After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

☩ Therefore according to his command, O Father,

☩ We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory:

☩ And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

- P** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
C **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, forever and ever. Amen.**
- P** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
C **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

[Please be seated.]

COMMUNION CHANT

Ubi Caritas et Amor

***Where true charity and love abide,
 God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.***

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- P** Let us pray together:
C **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.**

THE BENEDICTION

[Please stand.]

- P** Our Triune God gives us the signs of life, equipping, empowering, and strengthening us to become disciples of Christ Jesus. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, bless you today and throughout these forty days.
C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days!

H. 142 vs 1,2

***Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
 teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.***

***As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win,
 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.***

THE DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**