

# ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5, 2025

12:00 PM/6:00 PM Services

Holy Communion

From the Book of Common Prayer



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**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.

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

**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.

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**A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave Quietly and reverently and silence your phones.**

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**VOLUNTARY**

All Things of Dust to Dust Return

Gerald Near

**ENTRANCE HYMN H-411**

O Bless The Lord My Soul

ST. THOMAS

*(stanzas 1,2,4,6)*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray:

*All* **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.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2,12-17

*Lector*      *The First Reading is from Joel*

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?'"

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM 103

TERRA BEATA

**O bless the Lord, my soul; O bless God's Name indeed;  
let all that is within me know how God has met my need.  
Lord, you forgive our sins and heal our wickedness;  
You crown our life, saved from the grave, with loving faithfulness.**

**For as the heavens are high above the earth and sea,  
upon all those who fear your Name, so shall your mercy be.  
Our sins are all removed as far as east from west;  
for as the parent loves the child, so is your care expressed.**

## THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

*Lector*      *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.

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

*Please stand.*

**THE GOSPEL HYMN**

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

CONSOLATION

**O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.**

**Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.**

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

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

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

*Celebrant* 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Kathleen Walter

*Please stand.*

**EXHORTATION**

BCP 264

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

BCP 265

*The ushers will guide you to the altar rail.*

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Quinquagesime

Dom Paul Benoit

(1893-1979)

Récit

Denis Bédard

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 51** *All*

BCP 266

**LITANY OF PENITENCE**

*Please kneel, stand or sit, as you choose.*

*All*            **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.**

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

**THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Please stand.*

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

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY** Of the Glorious Body Telling Charles Callahan  
(1951-2023)

**THE PRESENTATION**

*Please stand.*

**PRESENTATION HYMN** We Give Thee But Thine Own HEATH

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* *A proper preface is said*

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 S-129** *All*

Robert Powell

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People* **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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, with 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.

*All*            **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*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.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in .*

*If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

*Please be seated.*

**COMMUNION**

Improvisation on ADORE TE DEVOTE

Charles Callahan

### **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand or kneel, as you choose.*

*Celebrant*      Let us pray...  
*All*                **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 BLESSING**

Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes as another Lent begins;  
 Thus we kneel before our Maker in contrition for our sins.  
 We have marred baptismal pledges, in rebellion gone astray;  
 Now, returning, seek forgiveness; grant us pardon, God, this day!

We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive,  
 Have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live,  
 We are jealous, proud, impatient, loving over much our things;  
 May the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.

We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need;  
 And our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed;  
 We have wasted earth's resources; want and suffering we've ignored;  
 Come and cleanse us, then restore us; make new hearts within us, Lord!

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* Thanks be to God!

**VOLUNTARY**

American Folk Hymn: BEACH SPRING

Wilbur Held  
(1914-2015)

**SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant		The Rev. Kathleen Walter
Organist/Choirmaster		Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	12:00	Michelle Schombs
	6:00	Cheryl Sharpe
Torch/Chalicists	12:00	Carolyn Hughes
	6:00	Gerry Boone
Readers	12:00	Sheila Scott, Gail Griffin
	6:00	Cindy Huffman, Sharon Ozbun
Prayers of the People	12:00	Sally Miller
	6:00	Cindy Huffman
Ushers	12:00	Mary & Jim Ratliff
	6:00	Linda Corliss, Crystal Collyer, Ayden Watson