

Welcome to
St. Monica's Episcopal Church



ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist Rite II
with the
Imposition of Ashes
and the
Litany of Penitence

February 22, 2023

7:45am, 12:00pm, and 7:00pm

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SILENT MEDITATION

Please Stand

PROCESSION WITH BELLS The Ringing of the Bells calls us to a Holy Lent.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE COLLECT

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. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

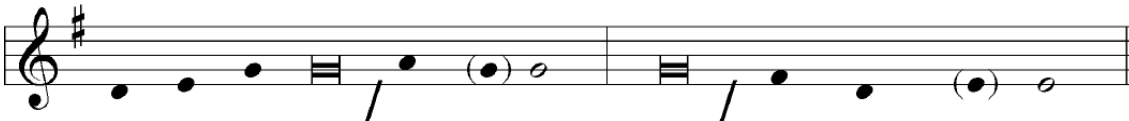
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

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

Benedic, anima mea



- 1 Bless the LORD, / O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless / his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, / O my soul,*
and forget not all / his benefits.
- 3 He forgives / all your sins*
and heals all your / infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the / grave*
and crowns you with mercy and lov/ing-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with / good things,*
and your youth is renewed like / an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes / righteousness*
 and judgment for all / who are oppressed.
 7 He made his ways known to / Moses*
 and his works to the children / of Israel.
 8 The LORD is full of compassion and / mercy,*
 slow to anger and of / great kindness.
 9 He will not always ac/cuse us,*
 nor will he keep his anger / for ever.
 10 He has not dealt with us according to our / sins,*
 nor rewarded us according to / our wickedness.
 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 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.
 15 Our days are like the / grass;*
 we flourish like a flo/wer 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 chil/dren's children;
 18 On those who keep his / covenant*
 and remember his commandments / and do them.
 19 The LORD has set his throne in / heaven,*
 and his kingship has domin/ion over all.
 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his / bidding,*
 and hearken to the voice / of his word.
 21 Bless the LORD, all / you his hosts,*
 you ministers of his / who do his will.
 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his do/minion,*
 bless the LORD, / O my soul.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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.

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.**

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.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky (7:45am and 12:00pm)

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans (7:00pm)

Please Stand

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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. 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.

Please remain silent as you kneel as able

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. *Amen.*

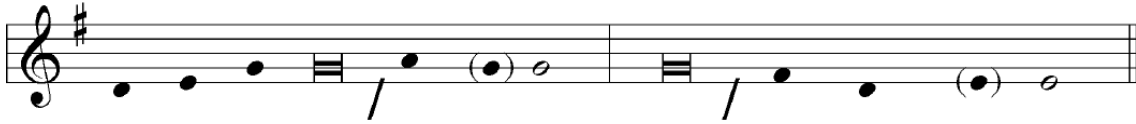
VOLUNTARY DURING THE IMPOSITION

O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde große
(O Man, Bewail Your Great Sin)

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE PSALM 51

Miserere mei, Deus



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-/kindness;*
in your great compassion blot out my / offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my / wickedness*
and cleanse / me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my trans/gressions, *
and my sin is ever / before me.
- 4 Against you only have I / sinned, *
and done what is evil / in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you / speak *
and upright in / your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my / birth, *
a sinner from / my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep with/in me, *
and will make me understand wis/dom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be / pure; *
wash me, and I shall / be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and / gladness, *
that the body you have bro/ken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my / sins *
and blot out all my in/iquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean / heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit / within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your / presence *
and take not your holy Spi/rit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving / help again *
and sustain me with your bounti/ful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the / wicked, *
and sinners shall / return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from / death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my / salvation.
- 16 Open my / lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall / proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered / sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in / burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled / spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you / will not despise.

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Kneel or Sit

- All **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 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. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY Voluntary *Alle menschen müssen sterben* Johann Sebastian Bach
(All Flesh Is as Grass)

AT THE PRESENTATION

Recited: All things come of thee, O Lord. **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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

Deutsche Messe - Franz Schubert, Arr. Richard Proulx

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Please stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues:

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, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. **Amen.**

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

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.**

You are invited and encouraged to come to God's table. The communion bread is received on an outstretched palm. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Johann Sebastian Bach

(Based on Hymn 168 – O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded)

Please Stand

PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

Almighty and ever-living 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

Response: **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymn 142

VOLUNTARY

Fugue on the Kyrie

François Couperin

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7:45am

12:00pm

7:00pm

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Debbie Corey

Beau Crevier

Barbara Evans

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7:45am

12:00pm

7:00pm

Linda Duffy and Frank Dowd

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