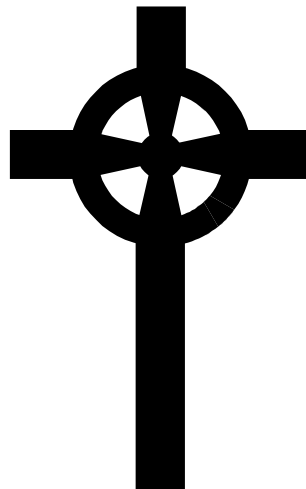


Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Ash Wednesday

12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. – Choral Eucharist

Welcome



Hymn numbers refer to the blue book of Common Praise

Hearing Assistive Devices are available – Please ask an usher for assistance

The silences are intentional after the Readings and the Sermon, and before the Confession

The Gathering of the Community

Announcements

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

The Collect of the Day

People **Almighty and everlasting God, you despise 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 brokenness, 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 Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Joel 2:1–2,12–17

¹ 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—
² 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.

¹² Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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?

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ 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?""

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 103:8–18

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse 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 above 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 flower 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 children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments and do them.

Second Reading:

II Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

^{20b} ... we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹ As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² 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! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants

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of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1–6,16–21

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

¹ [Jesus said,] “Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

² “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. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ “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. ⁶ 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.

¹⁶ “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. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ 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.

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¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also ... ”

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Silence is kept.

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 kept.

Psalm 51:1–18

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

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.

Refrain

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

4 Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Refrain

5 And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

Refrain

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Refrain

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.

Refrain

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 Spirit from me.

Refrain

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Litany of Penitence

People **Most 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.

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.**

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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 judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, 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 **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. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Accomplish in us, O God, 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 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. **Amen.**

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The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn "Dust and Ashes"

Text by Brian Wren

1 Dust and ashes touch our face,
mark our failure and our falling.
Holy Spirit, come,
walk with us tomorrow,
take us as disciples,
washed and wakened by your calling.

2 Dust and ashes soil our hands—
greed of market, pride of nation.
Holy Spirit, come,
walk with us tomorrow,
as we pray and struggle
through the meshes of oppression.

Refrain:

Take us by the hand and lead us,
lead us through the desert sands,
bring us living water,
Holy Spirit, come.

Refrain

3 Dust and ashes choke our tongue
in the wasteland of depression.
Holy Spirit, come,
walk with us tomorrow,
through all gloom and grieving
to the paths of resurrection.

Refrain

Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face

Gen. 3:17-19; Ps. 51:1-12

Brian Wren, 1989

Unison

1 Dust and ash - es touch our face, mark our fail - ure and our
 2 Dust and ash - es soil our hands— greed of mar - ket, pride of
 3 Dust and ash - es choke our tongue in the waste-land of de -

fall - ing. Ho-ly Spir-it, come, walk with us to - mor-row,
 na - tion. Ho-ly Spir-it, come, walk with us to - mor-row
 pres - sion. Ho-ly Spir-it, come, walk with us to - mor-row

take us as dis - ci - ples, washed and wak-ened by your call - ing.
 as we pray and strug-gle through the mesh-es of op - pres - sion.
 through all gloom and griev-ing to the paths of res - ur - rec - tion.

Refrain

Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us through the des - ert sands,

bring us liv-ing wa-ter, Ho - ly Spir - it, — come.

This hymn, exploring the different dimensions of repentance, was written for the choir of the United Church, Hyde Park, Chicago, with Ash Wednesday in mind. Brian Wren reminds us that the Holy Spirit is always with us, not only at Pentecost.

Tune: DUST AND ASHES Irr. with refrain
 Hal H. Hopson, 1989

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #1

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

People **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.

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, 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 healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to 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,

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which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread #7

Celebrant We break this bread,

People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

People **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Lamb of God

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

All baptised Christians are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to join us at the Lord's Table for a blessing.

Communion Hymn [sung by all]

#49 "Draw Near and Take"

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

People **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

Recessional Hymn #175 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Dismissal

The people respond, Thanks be to God.

12:15 p.m.

Celebrant The Rev. Steve Shaw
 Preacher The Rev. Pam Prideaux
 Pianist The Rev. J. Allan Kirk

7:00 p.m.

Celebrant The Rev. J. Allan Kirk
 Preacher The Rev. Pam Prideaux
 Readers Margie Lyttle, Stephen Powell, The Rev. Pam Prideaux
 Altar Guild Angela Goodwill, Doug Heyes
 Organist Brian Heyes

Services		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
	10:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist (BAS)
Tuesday to Friday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (BAS)
Wednesday	12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)

<p><i>Priest-in-Charge</i> The Rev. Steve Shaw</p> <p><i>Assistant Curate</i> The Rev. Pam Prideaux</p> <p><i>Honorary Assistant</i> The Rev. J. Allan Kirk</p> <p><i>Pastoral Associate</i> Janet Kirk</p> <p><i>Organist & Director of Music</i> Michael Leach</p>	<p><i>Parish Administrator</i> Craig Gustafson</p> <p><i>Church Custodian</i> Ryan Erwin</p> <p><i>Churchwardens</i> People's Warden: Doug Heyes Rector's Warden: Egan Done Deputy Warden: Geraldine Sperling Deputy Warden: Eileen Turner</p>
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Lent and Easter

Lent I

Sunday, February 26
 8:00 a.m. – Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. – Eucharist & Annual Vestry

Lent II

Sunday, March 4
 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Eucharist

Lent III

Sunday, March 11
 8:00 a.m. – Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. – Eucharist & Baptism

Lent IV

Sunday, March 18
 8:00 a.m. – Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. – Link Style Eucharist

Lent V

Sunday, March 25
 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Eucharist

Sunday of the Passion

Sunday, April 1
 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 Liturgy of the Palms & Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week

Wednesday, April 4
 12:15 p.m. – Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 5
 7:00 p.m.
 Eucharist with Washing of the Feet & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Friday, April 6
 9:00 a.m. – Journey to the Cross
 11:00 a.m. – Meditation at the Cross of Christ

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 7
 9:00 p.m. – Eucharist

Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter

Sunday, April 8
 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 The Service of Light & Eucharist