

ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

FEBRUARY 22, 2022 7:00 PM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Silence is kept.

Collect of the Day

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 Epistle – 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For 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! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Psalm – Psalm 103:8-14

- 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.**

Sequence Music

Beautiful Things

Matt Redmon

Verse 1: All this pain - I wonder if I'll ever find my way. I wonder if my life could really change – at all.

Verse 2: All this earth - Could all that is lost ever be found, Could a garden come up from this ground – at all.

Chorus

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust,
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.

Verse 3: All around - Hope is springing up from this old ground. Out of chaos life is being found – in you. (Chorus)

Bridge

You make me new, You are making me new. You make me new, You are making me new. (REPEAT) (Chorus)

Holy Gospel – Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Jesus said, ¹“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. 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. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so 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. ⁶But 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. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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.

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

The Sermon

Invitation to a Holy Lent

pg. 264 in Book of Common Prayer

Psalm 51

Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

Litany of Penitence

Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised

Hymnal #655

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end: be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle, if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt.

The Peace

pg. 360 in BCP

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

All the People Said, “Amen”

Maher, Morgan, Moak

Verse 1: You are not alone if you are lonely. When you feel afraid, you’re not the only, We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free. It’s all you got to lean on, but thank God, it’s all you need.

Chorus: And all the people said, “Amen.” Oh. And all the people said, “Amen.”
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said, “Amen.”

Verse 2: If you’re rich or poor, it doesn’t matter. Weak or strong, you know love is what we’re after. We’re all broken, but we’re all in this together. God knows we stumble and fall, and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all. (Chorus)

Bridge: Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart. Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart. Blessed are the people hungry for another start, for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. (Chorus)

Ending: And the people said, "Amen."

Offertory

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.

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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

The Celebrant then says

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 you glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...

...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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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

Fraction Anthem

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

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

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

Communion Music

Wilt thou forgive?

Hymnal #140

Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun, which is my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.
And having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

John Donne (1573-1631)

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used.

The Deacon or Celebrant says Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel or stand as able and the Celebrant says the following prayer.

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn

Ashes

Tom Conry

We rise again from ashes, from the good we failed to do. We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.
If all the world is ashes, then must our lives be true. An offering of ashes, an offering to You.

We offer You our failures, we offer you attempts. The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.
Give our stumbling direction, give our vision wider view. An offering of ashes, an offering to You.

Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain. Though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain.
The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew. From an offering of ashes, an offering to You.

Thanks be to the Father, who made us like Himself. Thanks be to His Son, who saved us by His death.
Thanks be to the Spirit, who creates the world anew. From an offering of ashes, an offering to You.

Dismissal

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