



Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist

February 17, 2021 at 12:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to All Saints

We're glad you're here to worship with us! It is our hope that you will have an encounter with Jesus today, who is at the center of our worship, indeed the center of our lives. We realize that the beautiful and ancient pattern of worship in the Anglican tradition may be new to you, so we have tried to make it easier by providing this printed bulletin.

- The parts of the liturgy in **bold type** are said by the whole congregation.
- Though you may see others making certain gestures, please don't feel obligated to mimic these actions unless you find them meaningful. Enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.
- As a general rule we stand to sing, we sit to listen to God's Word, we kneel to pray.
- The † indicates a place where one may choose to make the sign of the cross.
- Due to COVID, we are currently not providing nursery.
- All baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. More instructions are given for receiving communion later in this bulletin.

CONCERNING ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent: a time of penitence, fasting, and prayer, in preparation for the great Feast of the Resurrection.

The season of Lent began in the earliest days of the Church as time of preparation for those seeking to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The forty days refer to our Lord's time of fasting in the wilderness; and since Sundays are never fast days, Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Fast.

Throughout the Old Testament, ashes are used as a sign of sorrow and repentance, and Christians have traditionally used the same to indicate sorrow for our own sin, and as a reminder that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). Like Adam and Eve, we have disobeyed and rebelled against God, and are under the same judgment, "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19b).

But as we are marked with ashes in the same manner that we were signed with the cross in Baptism, we are also reminded of the life we share in Jesus Christ, the second Adam (Romans 5:17; 6:4). It is in this sure hope that we begin the journey of these forty days, that by hearing and answering our Savior's call to repent, we may enter fully into the joyful celebration of his resurrection.

THE GATHERING

As you enter, we encourage you to be thoughtful, silent, and reverent. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the presider says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

THE INVITATION TO OBSERVE LENT

The presider invites the people to the observance of Lent, saying

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. In this manner, 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 that all Christians continually have to renew our 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 alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

The presider and people kneel. A period of silent prayer follows.

The presider then prays

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 people sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from 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?'"

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

PSALM 103

Said responsively by whole verse.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
long-suffering and of great goodness.

9 **He will not always chide us,
neither 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 great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.**

12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.

13 **As a father pities his own children,
so is the LORD merciful to those who fear him.**

14 For he knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

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 of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, 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 honor and dishonor, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE INSTRUMENTAL

“Treasures in heaven”
(*Joseph Clokey; arr. J. Tang*)

Jordan Tang

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal,
but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Ask, and it shall be given you;
seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you,
for every one that asketh receiveth,
and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

(Matthew 6:19–21; 7:7–8)

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

All stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Minister 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.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Wes Gristy

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The presider says

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling as able.

The presider then says the following prayer

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.**

The ministers then come to the people for the imposition of ashes, which are imposed with the following words.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

PSALM 51

All kneel as able. Psalm 51:1-17 is said in unison.

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away my offences.**
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults,
and my sin is ever before me.**
- 4 Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in your
judgment.**
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness,
and in sin my mother conceived me.**
- 6 But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts
and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.**

- 7 You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 You shall make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.
- 9 Turn your face from my sins,
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 12 O give me the comfort of your help again,
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.
- 13 Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked,
and sinners shall return unto you.
- 14 Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.
- 16 For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would give it to you;
but you delight not in burnt-offerings.
- 17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.

THE CONFESSION AND LITANY OF PENITENCE

The presider says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence.

The presider and people confess together, saying

**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.
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.
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.**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us:

People **For we have sinned against you.**

The presider continues, and the people respond

For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For our unrighteous anger, bitterness and resentment; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts and actions toward our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For our negligence in prayer and worship, for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

The presider and people then pray

Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The presider stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, † have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people stand.

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The people sit.

GREETING AND NOTICES

THE INSTRUMENTAL

“Create in me a clean heart”

Jordan Tang

(J. A. Freylinghausen; arr. P. Christiansen and J. Tang)

Send forth thy light and thy love, O Lord. Fill my heart with thy Holy Spirit.

Lead me, lead me into thy presence and teach me to love thy ways, O Jesus.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

(adapted from Psalm 43:3; 51:10-11)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE SURSUM CORDA

The people are invited to stand. The presider faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The presider continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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:

THE SANCTUS

Presider and people say

**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 PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The people kneel as able. The presider continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made † one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The presider then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray in silence.

Presider and people together meditate on the Lord's Prayer as the music plays

**Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the people, the presider says the following invitation

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

All baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Due to COVID restrictions, we are currently offering bread only. The priests will distribute the bread to people as they remain in their seats with their masks on. To receive the bread, simply cup your hands as the priest approaches. To receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. After everyone is served, the presider will then ask that everyone eat the bread at the same time.

THE COLLECT FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those at home unable to partake of Communion, you are invited to pray the following.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Silence is kept as each person reflects on this prayer and meditates on Christ's spiritual presence.

THE CORPORATE PARTAKING OF COMMUNION

Facing the people, the presider invites the people to partake of the bread.

Now, looking forward to the day when we shall see our Lord face to face, with unveiled faces, take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE SENDING

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After communion, the presider says

Let us pray.

The people kneel as able. The presider and people pray together, saying

Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

During Lent, in place of a blessing, the presider prays over the people as follows

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart: that desiring you, we may seek you; and that seeking you, we may find you; and that finding you, we may love you; and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL

“The glory of these forty days”

Jordan Tang

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions’ might;
and John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became the herald of Messiah’s name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.

THE DISMISSAL

The minister dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



All Saints Anglican Church is a member of the International Diocese under the oversight of Bishop Bill Atwood. Our diocese is a part of the province the Anglican Church in North America, which is a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion with an estimated 80 million members. Like all Anglican churches, we are committed to continue the work of Jesus Christ empowered by the *Spirit*, guided by the authority of *Scripture*, and nourished by the *Sacraments*.

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