

**SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
**ANGLICAN**  
Charleston, South Carolina



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**February 14, 2024**

**12:00 Noon & 5:15 pm**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD  
WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

## What's Happening on Ash Wednesday?

7:30 am Imposition of the Ashes

12:00 Noon

Imposition of the Ashes

4:00 pm

Children's Choir *Choir Room*  
Super Wed. Kids *Gospel Corner*

4:30 pm

Women's Study *Room 204*

5:00 pm Confirmation *Room 202*

5:15 pm

Imposition of the Ashes

*Nursery available*

5:45 pm

Supper in the Kinloch Room

6:30 pm

Alpha *Buyck Chapel*  
Mark *Kinloch Room*  
Visionary Marriage *The Chapel*

## What's Happening on Sunday

8:00 am

Reflective Service *(Church)*

8:45 am - 12:30 pm

6 weeks - 23 months *Noah's Nursery'*  
2 - 4 years *Gospel Corner*

9:00 am

Contemporary Service

10:00 am **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children

K-2nd grade *Room 204*

3rd-5th grade *Room 203*

6th-12th grade *Room 202*

Adult Sunday School

Bill Hyer Class *Kinloch Room*

Parents Discipleship *The Chapel*

Charlie Baldwin Class *Choir Room*

11:00 am

Traditional Service with Organ  
and Choir *(Church)*

6:00 - 7:30 pm

*Room 202*  
Youth Group for 6th -12th graders

## Welcome to St. Michael's

Welcome home! We're glad you're here!

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## Today's Sermon

### Marked

Preacher: The Rev. Ted McNabb



Service adapted from the  
Anglican Church of North America Prayer Book beginning on page 543.

## Prelude

*Fantasia in C minor* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Welcome

## Silent Procession

# The Liturgy of the Word

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

## Invitation to Lent, *standing*

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 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 alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, let us now pray for grace that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

## Collect of the Day, *kneeling*

*Officiant* 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.*

*At this time please silence all cell phones and beepers.*

It is customary upon entering to begin with a few moments of private prayer, usually kneeling.

**Late Seating:** In order to avoid disruption of worship during prayer, reading, and the sermon, late seating will be during sung portions of the service.

### *What is Lent?*

If Epiphany is looking outward, Lent is that healthy season of looking inward at the heart. Lent is a six week period of preparation for Easter Day. The name derives from Old English *Lenten*, meaning Spring. So from Ash Wednesday to Easter there are a total of 40 workdays recalling the forty days of Jesus fasting in the wilderness after his baptism. Lent therefore is a time of self:

- Auditing
- Penitence
- Denial

### *What is Ash Wednesday?*

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on foreheads as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. The ashes used are typically gathered after the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned.



(12:00 pm )

Kontakion from the Great Canon of St. Andrew the Crete  
Kievan Chant Tone 6

*My soul, my soul, arise! Why art thou sleeping? The end is at hand, destruction hangs over thee. Come again to thy senses that thou may be spared by Christ our God. He is everywhere, filling all things.*

(5:15 pm only)  
Children’s Choir

*Guide My Feet, While I Run This Race* Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Matthew Wilkinson

*Guide my feet, while I run this race. Guid my feet, while I run this race.  
Guide my feet, while I run this race. For I don’t want to run this race in vain.  
I’m your child, while I run this race. I’m your child, while I run this race.  
I’m your child, while I run this race. For I don’t want to run this race in vain.  
Hold my hand, while I run this race. Hold my hand, while I run this race.  
Hold my hand, while I run this race. For I don’t want to run this race in vain.  
Stand by me, while I run this race. Stand by me, while I run this race.  
Stand by me, while I run this race. For I don’t want to run this race in vain.*

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts. This portion of the service is known as the **Liturgy of the Word**, and it consists of the readings, the sermon, the creed, and the prayers of the people.

*Why Give up Something for Lent?* Lent is the most introspective of the church seasons, and in modern times the foci are on self-examination and repentance; prayer, fasting and self-denial; and meditation on the Holy Scriptures. All of these devotional practices, including giving up something, are to help up prepare for Easter. The theological basis for this is simple: Every time we want what we have given up, we are reminded of what Christ gave up for us. Christ gave his life. While our sacrifice pales in comparison, it serves as a frequent reminder of God’s overwhelming and complete love for each of us in our season of preparation for the resurrection.

**The Lesson:** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Bible, p. 761

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Song**

*Jesus Prayer* (Madiera)

Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner;

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Lord, Je - sus Christ;

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, have mer - cy on me, a

sin - ner; have mer - cy on me, a sin - ner.

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**Psalm 103: 8-14**, *standing (read responsively by whole verse)*

*Reader* The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*People* ***He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.***

*Reader* He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

*People* ***For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;***

*Reader* as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

*People* ***As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.***

*Reader* For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

**Hymn**, *standing*

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

1. *Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild;  
Forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.*
2. *Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,  
Fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?*
3. *Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call!  
Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint nor fall!*
4. *So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;  
Round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.*
5. *Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side;  
That with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.*

**The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew 4:1-11  
***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Bible, p. 809

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

*Marked*

The Rev. Ted McNabb

The word **Gospel** comes from an old German word which means "Good News," the great good news about Jesus the Messiah. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

Hymn, *standing*

*There is a Hope*



There is a hope that burns with - in my heart, that gives me  
 There is a hope that lifts my wea - ry head, a con - so -  
 There is a hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my



strength for eve - ry pass - ing day; a glimpse of  
 la - tion strong a - gainst de - spair; that when the  
 eyes be - yond the beck - oning grave to see the



glo - ry now re - vealed in mea - ger part, yet drives all doubt a -  
 world has plunged me in its deep - est pit, I find the Sav - ior  
 match - less beau - ty of a day di - vine, when I be - hold His



way: I stand in Christ, with sins for - given and  
 there! Through pres - ent suf - ferings, fu - ture's fear, He  
 face! When suf - ferings cease, and sor - rows die, and

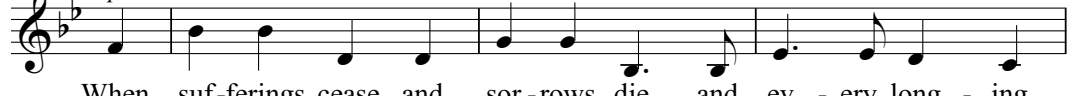


Christ in me, the hope of heaven; my high - est call - ing and my  
 whis - pers, "Cour - age!" in my ear; for I am safe in e - ver -  
 ev - ery long - ing sat - is - fied, then joy un - speak - a - ble will



deep - est joy, to make His will my home.  
 last - ing arms, and they will lead me home.  
 flood my soul, for I am tru - ly home.

*Reprise*



When suf - ferings cease, and sor - rows die, and ev - ery long - ing



sat - is - fied, then joy un - speak - a - ble will



flood my soul, for I am tru - ly home.

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

Almighty God, you have created us out from 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 a sign by your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

### **Imposition of Ashes:**

*The order for the congregation will be those in the side aisles followed by the center aisle coming up from the rear of the church. Then return to your pew via the side aisles.*

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

### **Psalms to Contemplate**

Psalm 32      Psalm 143      Psalm 102      Psalm 130

**Psalm 51** *Said together, standing*

- 1 *Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away my offenses.*
- 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 is 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 shall 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.*

### **Why Ashes?**

Ashes were used in ancient times, according to the Bible, to express mourning. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults. An ancient example of one expressing one's penitence is found in Job 42:3-6. Job says to God: "I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear: but now my eye sees you. The other eye wanders of its own accord. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." (Vv. 5-6).

### **Psalm 51**

David wrote this penitential Psalm after his adulterous affair with Bathsheba and then murdering her husband to cover it up. Because David repented of his sin, he was forgiven. There is no sin too great to be forgiven.

In the **Confession of Sin** and **Absolution**, our sins, both individual and corporate, have been confessed, and we have been powerfully reassured of God's complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ. The priest declares that our sins have been forgiven to all who are repentant and believe on Jesus Christ.

#### *The Litany of Penitence*

A litany is a form of prayer in which fixed responses are made by the people to short biddings.

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

#### **Confession**, *kneeling*

*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.*

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us:

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

#### **Litany of Penitence**

*Officiant* For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives; Lord, have mercy upon us:

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

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

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

*Officiant* For our unrighteous anger, bitterness, and resentment; for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

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

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

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

*Officiant* For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us:

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

*Officiant* 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:

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

*Officiant* For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us:

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

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

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



*Officiant* For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

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

*Officiant* For our negligence in prayer and worship; for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us:

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

*Officiant* For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have mercy upon us:

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

*Officiant* For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

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

*All together* ***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**

*Officiant* Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **Comfortable Words**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2*

The **Peace** is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers. Please take a moment to extend God's peace to those around you. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the forgiving of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise, and power of God and Christ's redeeming work.

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People** *And with your spirit.*

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. The people sit.*

*You are invited to fill out a prayer card, so the Rector may pray for you during his Lenten prayer retreats.*

## **Welcome & Announcements**, *seated*

- Visiting? Giving? Questions or prayer requests?
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## **Offertory Anthem**

**(12:00 pm)**

*Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh in the Middle of the Night*

Translator: Gerard Moultrie (1864) Tune: BRIDEGROOM (Macfarren)

*1 Behold the Bridegroom cometh in the middle of the night, And blest is he whose loins are girt, whose lamp is burning bright; But woe to that dull servant, whom the Master shall surprise With lamp untrimmed, unburning and with slumber in his eyes*

*2 Do thou, my soul, beware, beware lest thou in sleep sink down, Lest thou be given o'er to death, and lose the golden crown; But see that thou be sober, with a watchful eye, and thus Cry, "Holy, holy, holy God, have mercy upon us!"*

*3 That day, the day of fear, shall come; my soul, slack not thy toil, But light thy lamp, and feed it well, and make it bright with oil; Who knowest not how soon may sound the cry at eventide, "Behold the Bridegroom comes! Arise! He comes to meet the Bride!"*

*4 Beware, my soul! take thou good heed lest thou in slumber lie, And, like the five, remain without, and knock, and vainly cry; But watch, and bear thy lamp undimmed, and Christ shall gird thee on His own bright wedding robe of light,--the glory of the Son.*

**(5:15 pm)**

*Lord For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.*

*To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.*

**The Doxology** *The people stand and sing while the offerings are presented.*

*Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle* **PICARDY**

*Praise and honor to the Father,*

*Praise and honor to the Son,*

*Praise and honor to the Spirit,*

*Ever Three and ever One:*

*One in might and one in glory*

*While eternal ages run.*

Officiant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy Name. Thy king dom come.

5

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.

8

And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us.

10

And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion; but de-liv-er us from ev-vil.

For thine is the king-dom, and the pow'r and the glo-ry,

14

for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Pater Noster, Plainchant from Mass "Cum Jubilo"  
arr. Andrew Dittman, ©2016

The Lord's Prayer, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since year 400 A.D. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread also symbolizes God's presence, which is something that is also essential to our getting through the day.

Hymn, standing

Looking Ahead....

WED., FEBRUARY 14  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
7:30 am, 12:00 pm, & 5:15 pm  
Imposition of Ashes  
5:45 pm Supper Kinloch  
6:30 pm Alpha, Mark,  
Visionary Parenting, Super  
Wed. Kids

WED., FEBRUARY 21  
12:00 pm Community Lenten  
Service Church  
12:30 pm Lenten Luncheon  
Kinloch

SATURDAY, MARCH 2  
9:00 am Formed Conference  
Kinloch  
10:00 am First Communion  
Class Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 16  
9:00 am Day of Healing  
Prayer Register:  
stmichaelschurch.net/dohp

Who's Serving.....

12:00 pm  
Usher: Jon Thornton  
Crucifer: Morgan Falk  
Reader: Morgan Falk

5:15 pm  
Usher: Bill Biggie  
Crucifer: Hal Frampton  
Reader: Hal Frampton

1. *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.*
2. *Alone and fasting Moses saw  
The loving God who gave the law;  
And to Elijah, fasting, came  
The steeds and chariots of flame.*
3. *So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
Delivered from the lions' might;  
And John, the Bridegroom's friend became  
The herald of Messiah's name.*
4. *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.*

Celebrant  
People

Let us pray.  
*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.*

Silent Procession

*Drop off your Lenten Prayer Cards in the basket in the Center Narthex.*

*Use the prayer card to tell the Rector how he can pray for you,  
or anything you want him to know.  
Praying for you is the purpose of his annual Lenten retreat.  
Please, fill out that card.*



SCHEDULE

- Feb. 21 St. Michael's Church  
The Rev. Marshall Blalock
- Feb. 28 First Baptist Church  
The Rev. Al Zadig, Jr.
- Mar. 6 First (Scots) Presbyterian  
The Rev. Anthony Thompson
- Mar. 13 Holy Trinity Reformed  
The Rev. Robb Harrell
- Mar. 20 St. John's Lutheran  
Dr. Holton Siegling, Jr.



**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
A complimentary lunch  
is served after worship  
at the host church.