



ASHES &
HOLY EUCHARIST

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The Ash Wednesday Liturgy

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VOLUNTARY

O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde groß

J.S. Bach

Please stand

Presider

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

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.

People

Amen.

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Reader

A reading from the Book of Joel. 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?’”

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

Tone II

The refrain is sung by the Cantor and repeated by all



The Lord re-mem-bers that we are but dust.

Cantor

*The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever. Refrain*

Cantor

*He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. Refrain*

Cantor

*As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him. Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Reader

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 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.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing the following hymn

HYMN

DUST AND ASHES

Text: Brian Wren, 1989; Tune: Hal H. Hopson, 1989

1. Dust and ash - es touch our face, mark our
2. Dust and ash - es soil our hands— greed of
3. Dust and ash - es choke our tongue in the
fail - ure and our fall - ing. Ho - ly Spir - it, come,
mar - ket, pride of na - tion. Ho - ly Spir - it, come,
waste - land of de - pres - sion. Ho - ly Spir - it, come,
walk with us to - mor - row, take us as dis -
walk with us to - mor - row, as we pray and
walk with us to - mor - row, through all gloom and
ci - ples, washed and wak - ened by your call - ing.
strug - gle through the mesh - es of op - pres - sion.
griev - ing to the paths of res - ur - rec - tion.

Refrain
Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us through the de - sert sands,
bring us liv - ing wa - ter, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Deacon
People
Deacon

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

*Deacon
People*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Please stand

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

PSALM 51

LITANY OF PENITENCE

ABSOLUTION AND THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Mikhail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all within me bless his holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And forget not all his benefits.
He is gracious and plenteous in mercy.
As a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that love him,
And remember his commandments to do them.*

—Psalm 103

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER A

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Please stand

Presider

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S 124

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BREAKING THE BREAD

Ray Urwin

Cantor, then all



My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Cantor

*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me,
and I in them. REFRAIN*

THE INVITATION

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Presider

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the

Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN 671

NEW BRITAIN

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *PLEASE STAND*

**Let this holy sacrament which we have received
fill our hearts and minds with your heavenly grace, O Lord:
that the fast which we have begun
may be pleasing in your sight
and may bring healing to our souls and bodies;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN 149 *Hymnal 1982*

OLD 124TH

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE & DISMISSAL

Presider

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.

People

Amen.

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please leave in silence

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