

# Ash Wednesday

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT • 2 MARCH 2022 • 12 PM

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## The Gathering

The people stand as the procession enters.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

## The Word of God

### THE FIRST READING

The people sit.

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel.

**B**low 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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Choir The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,  
 slow to anger and of great kindness.  
 The LORD will not always accuse us,  
 nor remain angry for ever.  
 The LORD 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 the LORD's mercy great upon the God-fearing.  
 As far as the east is from the west,  
 so far has the LORD removed our sins from us.  
 As a father cares for his children,  
 so does the LORD care for the God-fearing.

## THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

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

**W**e 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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1 Kind Ma-ker of the world, O\_ hear the fer-vent prayer, with ma-ny a\_ tear  
 2 Each heart is man - i - fest to\_ thee; thou know-est our in - fir - mi - ty;  
 3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and all our wick-ed - ness,  
 4 Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti-nence in outward things  
 5 Grant, O thou bless-ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un-chang-ing U - ni - ty;



1 poured forth by all the pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!  
 2 now we re-pent, and seek thy\_ face; grant un - to us thy par-don-ing grace.  
 3 and, for the glo - ry of thy\_ Name, our weakened souls to health re - claim.  
 4 with in-ward fast-ing, so that we in heart and soul may dwell in thee.  
 5 that this our fast of for - ty\_ days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

text: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.; music: melody from Fleurs Des Noels, 1535

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*Before the Gospel* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**All** **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."

*After the Gospel* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

*A period of silence may follow.*

*The people sit.*

The Right Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus  
Bishop of California

THE INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT All stand.

Presider 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. Thereby, 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 self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now stand before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is then kept for a time.

Presider 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.**

All may come forward to receive ashes, which are imposed with the following words:

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

PSALM 51

(cf. BCP, page 266)

Sung by the choir during the imposition of ashes.

Plainsong

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

All **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.**

Presider 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.

All **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

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.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Presider We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

All **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us, **We confess to you, Lord.**

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, **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The presider proclaims assurance of God's forgiveness.*

Presider Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to the church to declare and pronounce to God's people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. God pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe the holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech God to grant us true repentance and the Holy Spirit, that those things may please God which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

*All may greet each other in the name of Christ.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Representatives of the congregation present the people's gifts of bread and wine.  
An offering will be received for the ministries of Grace Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.

## ANTHEM

Sung in Latin.

William Byrd

Choir Remember, O mortal, that thou art dust, and to dust shalt return.

-adapted from Genesis 3:19

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people stand.

*Enriching our Worship I, Prayer 1*

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider, continuing Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## SANCTUS

Sung in Latin.

Adrian Batten  
Short Service

Choir 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.

Presider, continuing Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider, continuing Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins  
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

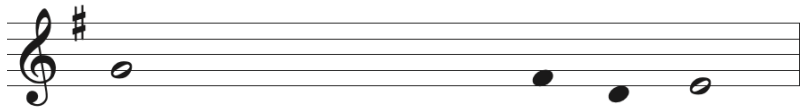
The Bread is broken. Silence follows.

Tone II

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Tone II

Choir Behold the Lamb of God,



People who takes away the sin of the world.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presider invites the people to come forward, receive the Bread and return to their seats to consume it.  
Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at the center gate; please ask the Communion minister.  
All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's table.

## AGNUS DEI

Sung in Latin.

Batten

Choir 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.

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received Communion, the people stand.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Compassionate God,**  
**you have fed us with the bread of heaven.**  
**Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:**  
**may our fasting be hunger for justice;**  
**our alms, a making of peace;**  
**and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

Presider, Homilist	The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop of California
Dean	The Very Rev. Malcolm Clemens Young, ThD, Dean
Deacons	The Rev. Miguel Bustos, Cathedral Deacon Chief of Global Initiatives and Senior Director for the Center for Social Justice at GLIDE
	The Ven. Canon Nina Pickerrell, Archdeacon
Readers	Peter Grace Mary Wood
Musicians	The Men of the Cathedral Choir Benjamin Bachmann, Diana Dollar Knowles Canon Director of Music Christopher Keady, Assistant Director of Music

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E - ter - nal God of love, be - hold your Church  
 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,  
 walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;  
 led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Christ Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,  
 moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,  
 far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

text: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898); music: from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and har. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

## The Sending Forth

**Deacon** Let us bow before the Lord. *Silence is kept.*

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

**All** Amen.

**Deacon** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**All** Thanks be to God.

