

# CALVARY

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *The First Day of Lent: Ash Wednesday*

March 5th, 2025

6:00 pm

We welcome ALL:  
People of Color  
Immigrants  
LGBTQIA+  
Drag Queens  
Partnered and Single  
Differently Abled  
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Young and Old  
Our Unhoused Neighbors  
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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

*Forty days and forty nights*

J.S. BACH

SALUTATION *Please stand*

BCP 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People His mercy endures forever.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing*

BCP 264

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant 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.*

*Please be seated*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOEL

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

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.

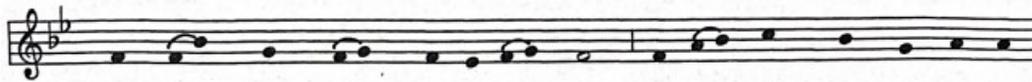
Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether 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?'"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*



The LORD knows where - of we are made; he re - mem - bers that we are



but dust.

Psalm 103 *Benedic, anima mea* *Tone VIII.2*



- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mércy, \*  
slow to anger and / of great kíndness.
- 9 He will not always accúse us, \*  
nor will he keep his an/ger for éver.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our síns, \*  
nor rewarded us according / to our wíckedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the éarth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon / those who féar him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the wést, \*  
so far has he re/moved our síns from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for / those who féar him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof wé are made; \*  
he remembers / that we áre but dust.

A READING FROM THE SECOND CORINTHIANS

II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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.

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

*Please stand*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 142

*Lord, who throughout these forty days*

ST. FLAVIAN

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Celebrant       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.

"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."

Celebrant       The Gospel of the Lord.  
People           *Praise to you, O Christ.*

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT *Please stand*

BCP 264

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 kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is then kept for a time; the people sit or kneel.*

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.

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

Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
and sinners shall return to you.

Deliver me from death, O God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.

Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

#### THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

BCP 267

*The celebrant and people together, all 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.*

*The celebrant continues*

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.

*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.*

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,  
*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 bear 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 Priest stands and says*

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 his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him 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 his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *Please stand*

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People          *And also with you.*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
But forgive that is past,  
give us grace to amend our sinful lives,  
to decline from sin,  
and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart.  
Amen.

Please stand

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 380, Verse 3

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Please remain standing*

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's desire that you will meet God here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 S-130

Setting, Schubert/Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you

in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

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.*

*Please stand.*

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-164

Setting, Schubert/Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

### THE COMMUNION

View me, Lord, a work of thine;  
 Shall I then lie drowned in night?  
 Might thy grace in me but shine,  
 I should seem made all of light.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade  
 When the heavenly light appears;  
 But the covenants thou hast made,  
 Endless, know nor days nor years.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel  
 At thine altar, pure and white;  
 They that once thy mercies feel,  
 Gaze no more on earths delight.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,  
 To thy mercies fast I fly.  
 Though I am but clay and dust,  
 Yet thy grace can lift me high.

*Please stand or kneel*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

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.*

THE BLESSING

*Please stand*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 143

*The glory of these forty days*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

DISMISSAL

Celebrant     Let us bless the Lord.  
 People        *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

*Lord, who throughout these forty days*

HEALEY WILLAN

*We welcome back to the bench today Margaret Dickinson, Organist Emerita*

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