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ASH WEDNESDAY

The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

10:30 AM — RITE I

THE ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

The Book of Common Prayer p 264

The service begins in silence. Please stand as the ministers enter.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those 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 thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LESSONS, PSALM AND GOSPEL

See evening service on following pages for texts.

THE SERMON

Paul S. Nancarrow

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

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THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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Psalm 51:1-18 *Recited by all.*

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LITANY OF PENITENCE AND ABSOLUTION

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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LENTEN SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, O most merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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7:30 PM — RITE II

THE ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

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The service begins in silence. Please stand as the ministers enter.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 people are seated for the Old Testament Lesson, Gradual, and Epistle.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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?'"

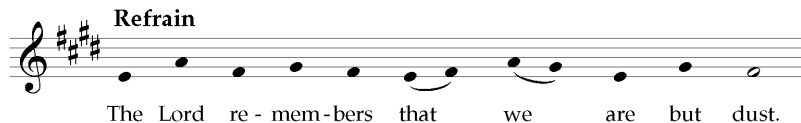
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Benedic, anima mea • Psalm 103:8-14

All sing the refrain after the choir, and after each set of verses as indicated.



- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor 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. **Refrain**
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us. **Refrain**
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE

2 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand to sing the Sequence Hymn, and remain standing for the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Eternal Lord of love • *Old 124th* • **Hymnal 149**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON

Paul S. Nancarrow

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT *All stand, then kneel as able while the presider blessed the ashes.* BCP p 264

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES		BCP p 265
Psalm 51:1-18	<i>Sung by the choir.</i>	Plainsong
		BCP p 266
LITANY OF PENITENCE AND ABSOLUTION	<i>All kneel.</i>	BCP p 267
THE PEACE	<i>All stand.</i>	BCP p 360
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<i>The people are seated.</i>	Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake • Richard Farrant
		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 with a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A	<i>All stand.</i>	BCP p 361
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS	<i>Sung by all.</i>	Healey Willan • Hymnal S-114
	<i>The people kneel (throughout Lent), while the presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer</i>	BCP p 362
THE LORD'S PRAYER		BCP p 364
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM	<i>Sung by all.</i>	Healey Willan • Hymnal S-158
MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION	<i>All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.</i>	
COMMUNION ANTHEM		Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord • Richard Farrant
		Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER	<i>Recited by all, kneeling.</i>	
	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.	
HYMN	<i>Sung by all, standing.</i>	The glory of these forty days • <i>Erhalt uns, Herr</i> • Hymnal 143
LENTEN SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE		
	Bow down before the Lord.	
	Grant, O 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. Amen.	
DISMISSAL		
	Let us bless the Lord.	
	Thanks be to God.	
ORGAN VOLUNTARY	O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde groß • BWV 622 • Johann Sebastian Bach	