

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Ash Wednesday  
12 pm and 7 pm • March 5, 2025

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THE VOLUNTARY: O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622  
*(“O man, bewail thy grievous sin”)*

J.S. Bach

### THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

BCP 264

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 FIRST 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?'"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: 103:8–14

*12 pm* We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.

*7 pm* The psalm will be sung by the choir

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.

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.

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 142. Lord, who throughout these forty days

*St. Flavian*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1–6,16–21

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

THE INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

BCP 264

PSALM 51

*12 pm:*    BCP 266, recited by all in unison

*7 pm:*     setting by Charles H. Giffen, sung by the choir

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

BCP 267

THE PEACE

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

*12 pm:*    Hymn 574. Before thy throne, O God, we kneel                      *St. Petersburg*

*7 pm:*     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 in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

*12 pm:*    **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.**

*7 pm:*     S-114, Willan

FRACTION ANTHEM

12 pm: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

7 pm: S-158 Agnus Dei, Willan

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

12 pm: Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 610 J. S. Bach

7 pm: Hymn 701. Jesus, all my gladness *Jesu, meine Freude*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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. **Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN: 143. The glory of these forty days

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

THE DISMISSAL

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE VOLUNTARY: O Lamm Gottes, unshuldig, BWV 1095  
*("O innocent Lamb of God")*

J.S. Bach



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LECTORS	Becky Christian (12 pm) George Douglas and Lloyd Childers (7 pm)
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