

The Church of St Peter and
St Simon-the-Apostle
with San Lorenzo Ruiz

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018, 7 pm



Solemn Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

Celebrant
Preacher
Assisting
Mass Setting

The Reverend Jennifer Matthews
The Reverend Christopher Dangpilen
Shelley Pollard
A New Plainsong David
Mass for 4 Voices Wm. Byrd

Hearing Assistance Units are
available at the back of the nave.

We remind you to silence your cell phone.
Large Print bulletins are available – please ask a greeter.



Prelude *Christe Redemptor Omnium*
Please stand as the procession enters.

HEALEY WILLAN

The Gathering of the Community

Hymn 180 *Giver of the Perfect Gift*

SONG 13

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. (*Please Kneel*)

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise 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 brokenness, 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.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson

Read by Diane Marshall

Reader: A reading from the prophet 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?”’

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103.8-18 (verses in italics are sung by the cantor only)



- ⁸ *THE LORD* is full of compassion and **gra**-cious, /
long-suffering, and **of** great good-ness.
- ⁹ He will not always be **chi**-ding: /
neither keepeth he his an-**ger** for ev-er.
- ¹⁰ *He hath not dealt with us after our **sins**, /*
nor rewarded us according to our **wick**-ed-ness-es.
- ¹¹ For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the **earth**, /
so great is his mercy also toward **them** that fear him.
- ¹² *Look how wide also the east is from the **west**, /*
so far hath he **set** our sins from **ûs**.
- ¹³ Yea, like as a father pitieth his own **chil**-dren, /
even so is the Lord merciful unto **them** that fear him.
- ¹⁴ *For he knoweth whereof we are **made**: /*
he remembereth that **we** are but dust.
- ¹⁵ The days of man are but as **grass**; /
for he flourisheth as a **flower** of the field.
- ¹⁶ *For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is **gone**; /*
and the place thereof shall **know** it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth
for ever and ever upon them that **fear** him, /
and his righteousness unto **chil**-dren's chil-dren;
- ¹⁸ *Even unto such as keep his **co**-ve-**nant**, /*
and think upon his command-**ments** to do them.

Epistle

Read by Paul Faulkner

Reader: A reading from St Paul's 2nd Letter 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, labours, 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 honour and dishonour, 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.

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 611 *Our Father, we have wandered*

PASSION CHORALE

Gospel *You are invited to stand.*

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

All **Glory to you Lord Jesus 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."

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life and marking the penitence of the community as a whole. I invite you therefore in the name of the Lord to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and by meditating on the word of God.
Let us pray. (*please kneel or be seated*)

Psalm 51. 1-18 (*sung by the Choir*) *Miserere Mei*

GREGORIO ALLEGRI

Quartet (Vanessa Scott – soprano 1, Katherine Jones – soprano 2

Jenny Cohen – alto & Alan MacDonald - bass)

3 Miserere mei Deus secundum magnam misericordiam tuam et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum dele iniquitatem meam

3 Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy. And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

4 Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea et a peccato meo munda me

4 Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

5 Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco et peccatum meum contra me est semper

5 For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

6 Tibi soli peccavi et malum coram te feci ut iustificeris in sermonibus tuis et vincas cum iudicaris

6 To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: that thou mayst be justified in thy words and mayst overcome when thou art judged.

7 Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum et in peccatis concepit me mater mea

7 For behold I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me.

8 Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi

8 For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

9 Asparges me hysopo et mundabor lavabis me et super nivem dealbabor

10 Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitiam exultabunt ossa humiliata

11 Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis et omnes iniquitates meas dele

12 Cor mundum crea in me Deus et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis

13 Ne proicias me a facie tua et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me

14 Redde mihi laetitiam salutaris tui et spiritu principali confirma me

15 Docebo iniquos vias tuas et impii ad te convertentur

16 Libera me de sanguinibus Deus Deus salutis meae exultabit lingua mea iustitiam tuam

17 Domine labia mea aperies et os meum adnuntiabit laudem tuam

18 Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium dedissem utique holocaustis non delectaberis

19 Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus cor contritum et humiliatum Deus non spernet

20 Benigne fac Domine in bona voluntate tua Sion et aedificentur muri Hierusalem

21 Tunc acceptabis sacrificium iustitiae oblationes et holocausta tunc inponent super altare tuum vitulos

9 Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

10 To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

11 Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

12 Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

13 Cast me not away from thy face; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

14 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

15 I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

16 Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

17 O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

18 For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

19 A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

20 Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

21 Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt offerings: then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

Litany of Penitence – *please kneel or be seated*

Priest Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, 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.

Priest We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

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

Priest 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.

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

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

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

Priest Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

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

Priest Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

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

Priest Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

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

Priest Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

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

Priest 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,

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Priest For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Priest For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Priest Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
All **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Celebrant Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us.
May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence,
and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward, and the ashes are applied to the forehead of each person with the following words.

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

Lenten Prose

Refrain:

All



Hear us O Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us, For we have sin - ned a-gainst - Thee.

Cantor To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory; lift we our weeping eyes
in holy pleadings : listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

Cantor O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father : Way of Salvation,
Gate of Life Celestial : cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Refrain

Cantor God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated : bow down and hearken
to thy weeping children : pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Refrain

Cantor Sins oft committed now we lay before thee : with true contrition,
now no more we veil them : grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

Cantor Innocent, captive, taken unresisting : falsely accused ,
and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Refrain

After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling.

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *You are invited to stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you – a handshake, slight bow or other form of greeting. Please respect those who wish not to shake hands.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 170 *The Glory of these Forty Days*

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Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

You are invited to stand throughout the prayer, or to kneel from “Holy, holy, holy” onward.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the Eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, CP #689
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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Music by John Merbecke



All Our_ Fa-ther, who art in heav-en. Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-dom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread; And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-
pass a-gainst us; And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us
from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry, For ev-er and
ev-er. A men.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Agnus Dei *Mass for 4 Voices*

WILLIAM BYRD

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine. Drinking from the common chalice is considered safer from the point of view of public health; you are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. You may indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion. Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.

Hymn 76 *Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee*

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 178 *Restore in us, O God*

BELLWOODS

Dismissal

Leader Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**