



the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle



Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022

Solemn Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes 7:00 pm

The service begins on page 281 of the green *Book of Alternative Services*

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Assisting: Jillian Ruch

Organist: Robin Davis / Cantors: Irene Courage, Ian Corlett

Mass Settings: *New Plainsong* – Sanctus/Benedictus – David Hurd

Mass for 4 Voices – Agnus Dei – Wm Byrd

Welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Wenn wir in huchsten Nutensein BWV 641*

J.S. BACH

(When we are in the greatest distress)

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

Old Testament Lesson *Joel 2:1-2, 12-17*

Read by Ted Robinson

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?'"

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103.8-14



Cantor 8 THE LORD is full of compassion and **gra**-cious, /
long-suffering, and **of** great good-ness.

All 9 He will not alway be **chi**-ding: /
neither keepeth he his an-**ger** for ev-er.

Cantor 10 He hath not dealt with us after our **sins**, /
nor rewarded us according to our **wick**-ed-ness-es.

All 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the **earth**, /
so great is his mercy also toward **them** that fear him.

Cantor 12 Look how wide also the east is from the **west**, /
so far hath he **set** our sins from us.

All 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own **chil**-dren, /
even so is the Lord merciful unto **them** that fear him.
Cantor 14 For he knoweth whereof we are **made**: /
he remembereth that **we** are but dust.

Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Read by Carol Peck

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *O Kind Creator*

MODE II

All *O kind Creator, bend thine ear to mark the cry, to know the tear
Before thy throne of mercy spent in this thy holy fast of Lent.*

*Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee: Thou knowest our infirmity;
Pour out on all who seek thy face, abundance of thy pardoning grace.*

*Our sins are many, this we know; spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show;
And for the honour of thy name our fainting souls to life reclaim.*

*Give us the self-control that springs from discipline of outward things,
That fasting inward secretly the soul may purely dwell with thee.*

*We pray thee, holy Trinity, One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence may reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.*

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21* *You are invited to stand.*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Exhortation – BAS p. 281

Psalm 51.1-18 – *Said responsively*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; /

according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, / and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults, / and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight; /

that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and clear when thou dost judge.
5 Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, / and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, /
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.
7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; /
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, /
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
9 Turn thy face from my sins, / and put out all my misdeeds.
10 Make me a clean heart, O God, / and renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from thy presence, / and take not thy holy spirit from me.
12 O give me the comfort of thy help again, / and stablish me with a free spirit.
13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, / and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my salvation; /
and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.
15 O Lord, open thou my lips, / and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it; /
but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.
17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: /
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.
18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; / build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Litany of Penitence — *please kneel or be seated*

Celebrant Most holy and merciful Father,

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant 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.”

Motet *Lord, For thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

RICHARD FARRANT

Choir *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.*

Lenten Prose

Refrain

All



Hear us O Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us, For we have sin - ned a-against - 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***

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.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 175 *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

HEINLEIN (AUS DER TIEFE)

All *Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled:*

*burning heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light had fled,
prowling beasts around your way, stones your pillow, earth your bed.*

*Shall not we your sorrow share, learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?*

*So if Satan, pressing hard, soul and body would destroy,
Christ who conquered, be our guard; give to us the victor's joy.*

*Saviour, may we hear your voice— keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice at the eternal Eastertide.*

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 – BAS pp. 198-200

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.**

The Celebrant prays the preface then all sing:

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;**

The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. At the end all say Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*said*)

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

Choir *Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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 Hymn 511 *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

SOUTHWELL

All *Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin;
from earth-born passions set me free and make me pure within.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, with many'a care oppressed;
let me thy loving servant be and taste thy promised rest.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see and share thy joy at last.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, that I may sing above
to Father, Holy Ghost, and thee the strains of praise and love.*

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

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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