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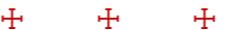
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February 18, 2026: Ash Wednesday

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We are delighted that you are joining us for worship this evening. Everything needed to fully participate in today's worship is found in this Order of Service, taken from the Book of Common Prayer. All hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982, located in your pews, at the numbers indicated in this Order of Service. If you need any assistance, do not hesitate to ask an usher for help. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion) in The Episcopal Church.



We ask that you kindly observe silence before the liturgy.

THE PRELUDE

Holy, Holy

Alice Jordan (1916-2012)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

All stand for the opening hymn.

THE OPENING HYMN 142 *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

ST. FLAVIAN

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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KYRIE ELEISON, *sung by all.*

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING, *read by Arlene Blocker.*

Isaiah 58:1-12

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM Psalm 103: 8-14

The antiphon is sung by the choir, then repeated by the assembly, and again where the R occurs

The musical notation is in G clef, common time. The lyrics are: The Lord remem-bers that we are but dust. The notation consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes.

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.

R

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.

R

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.

R

THE SECOND READING, *read by Gloria Ryan.*

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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, 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.**

All stand for The Gospel Tract & The Holy Gospel.

THE GOSPEL TRACT

Do not remember against us our former iniquities;

Let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low,

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Celebrant  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Stephen C. Tamke

Rector

AN INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

BCP, p. 264

All stand, and the Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a Holy Lent.

At the conclusion, silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

THE BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Celebrant then stands and blesses the ashes to be imposed, saying,

Almighty God, thou hast created us out of the dust of the earth; Grant that these ashes may be unto us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Those desiring may come forward to receive the Imposition of Ashes.

The ashes are imposed with the following words,

Remember that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.

The people kneel as they return to their seats.

THE MUSIC DURING THE IMPOSITION: *Hide not thou thy face*

Richard Farrant
(1530-1580)

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.

Following the imposition of ashes, all pray together Psalm 51,

PSALM 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment

- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Celebrant and People, kneeling, pray together:

Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to thee 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 thee 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.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Celebrant We have been deaf to thy call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.

Lord, have mercy on us.

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

Lord, have mercy on us.

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

Lord, have mercy on us.

Celebrant Our anger, hatred, malice, and envy,

Lord, have mercy on us.

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

Lord, have mercy on us.

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

We confess to thee, O 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,

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

Celebrant 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, O Lord.

Celebrant For our poor stewardship and misuse of thy creation, and our lack of concern for the generations to come,

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

Celebrant Restore us, good Lord, and let thy anger depart from us;
People **Favorably hear us, for thy mercy is great.**

Celebrant Accomplish in us the work of thy salvation,
People **That we may show forth thy glory in the world.**

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

The Celebrant stands and pronounces the absolution.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, hast given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He **☩** pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts do believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we 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 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 COMFORTABLE WORDS, *prayed by the Celebrant.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 140 *Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun*

DONNE

THE DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise **☩** Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The Celebrant continues,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS, *sung by all.*

Willat

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full____ of thy glo - ry. Glo - -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. † Bless - ed____ is he that com - eth.

— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel, stand, or sit.

The Celebrant continues,

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

THE GREAT AMEN *Sung by all.*

McNeil Robinson
(1943-2015)



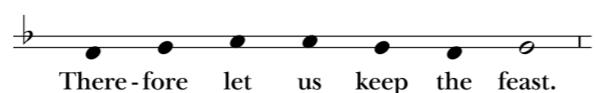
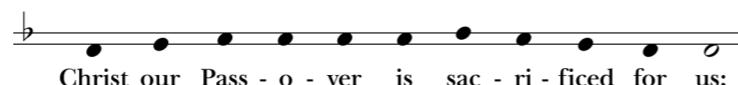
THE LORD'S PRAYER, *The Celebrant bids The Lord's Prayer, saying.*

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

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated host. Silence is kept for a time.



AGNUS DEI, *sung by all.*

Willan

O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, *prayed by all.*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(for those joining via the live-stream to pray on their own)

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave Verum – Op. 2 No. 1

Edward Elgar

(1857-1934)

*Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,
O Iesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen*

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly
banquet]
in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER,

The Celebrant and People together pray,

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING, *All stand.*

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying:

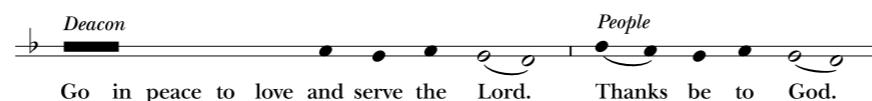
Grant, most merciful God, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; and the **†** blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 143 *The glory of these forty days*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words,



THE POSTLUDE

O Master let me walk with thee

G. Winston Cassler

(1908-1990)



CHRIST CHURCH LENTEN CALENDAR

Wednesday Evenings Lenten Candlelit Meditation & Compline: February 25; March 4, 11, 18, & 25

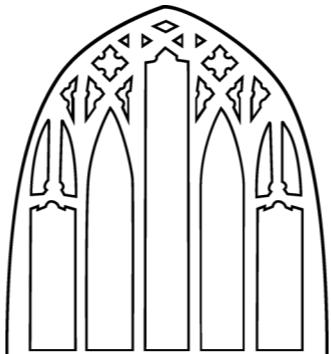
Mothering Sunday: March 15

Lenten Lesson & Carols: March 22

Maundy Thursday: April 2

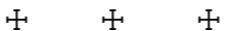
Good Friday: April 3

Easter Sunday: April 5



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