



**Christ Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist
with Imposition of Ashes
Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023 7:30 pm**

*If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us this morning. Should this form of worship be unfamiliar, relax and let the assembly carry you. We follow the worship pattern of the Book of Common Prayer (red book) beginning on page 355. Hymns and songs are found in Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or printed in this program.
Kindly turn off cellphones for the duration of the liturgy.*

Cover art: Elihu Vedder, "Study for Prayer in the Desert," 1867

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.

*At the ringing of the bell, all rise as able and turn to the baptismal font.
The ministers enter and process to the altar platform
All kneel or bow as they are able for a period of silence.
When the ministers stand, all stand as able.*

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Concluding: "...for ever and ever." Amen.

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8-14

Assembly sings antiphon, cantor sings verses.

Antiphon



God will not accuse us long, nor hold our sins for trial,
Nor exact from us in kind what our sins deserve. **Antiphon**

As high as heaven above earth, so great God's love for believers.
As far as east from west, so God removes our sins. **Antiphon**

As tender as father to child, so gentle is God to believers.
God knows how we are made, remembers we are dust. **Antiphon**

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

Gospel Acclamation

First time cantor, Assembly repeats; thereafter All.



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry!

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Samuel Torvend

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

The Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling or bowing as able.

Thanksgiving over the ashes

Imposition of ashes

For those who wish to receive the sign of the cross, make your way to the center aisle and approach the ministers; receive the ashes on your forehead; then return to your seat.


Psalm 51:1-18 | Miserere mei, Deus

Refrain sung by the assembly; choir/cantor sing verses

Refrain



Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be



mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

- 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. **Refrain**

- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**

Litany of Penitence

*The Litany is found in the Book of Common Prayer at page 267
All kneel or remain seated in the pew.*

Concluding Collect

All rise as able.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain in place to share the peace by offering the ancient Christian gesture of a bow to your neighbors.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

An offering of money is collected. With the gifts of many others, your contribution makes possible the worship, formation, and service of Christ Church.

All rise as able.

Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts

“Before Thy Throne, O God”

Hymnal 1982 575

VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer,

page 361

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

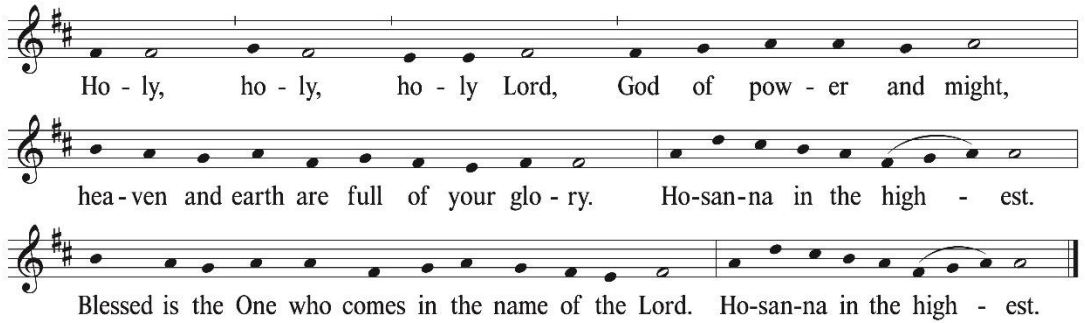
Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

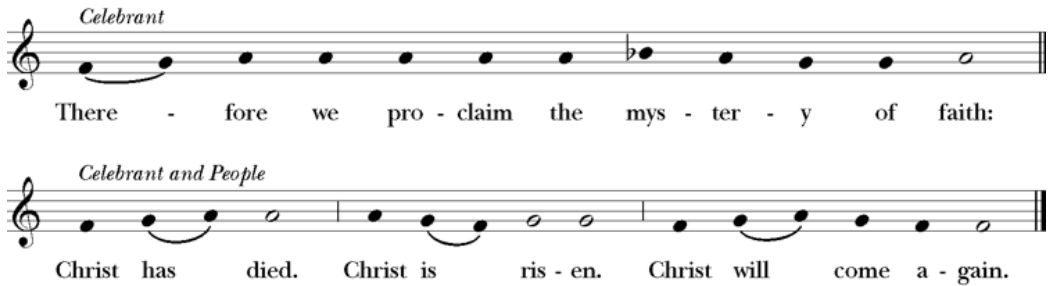
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation



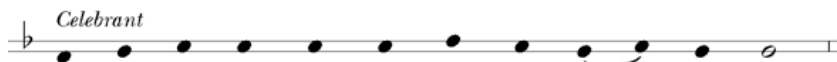
Celebrant
There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:
Celebrant and People
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Great Doxology

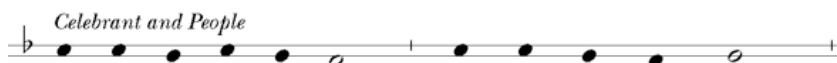


Celebrant *People*
A - men.

The Lord's Prayer



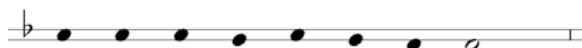
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



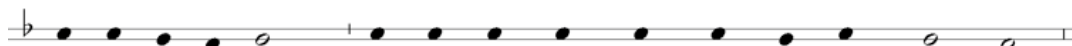
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



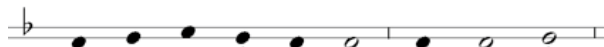
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem

mp

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy—

— on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy— on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a 4/4 time signature and a *mp* dynamic marking. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who desire to receive the Body and Blood Christ in the gifts of bread and wine and serve his mission in the world are welcome to communion. Come to the altar platform along the middle aisle of the left and right sections. When a place at the altar railing opens up, walk to that space and stand or kneel. Receive the bread in your hand and consume it; then assist the minister as they guide the cup of wine to your lips and take a sip. Please note that to protect the health of our community, **we do not practice intinction** (dipping the bread in the cup). Once you have received communion, return to your seat by the outer aisle.*

Communion Music “Vater unser im Himmelreich” Dietrich Buxtehude

Communion Anthem “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”

Lord, teach us how to pray aright,
with reverence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in your sight,
we may, we must draw near.
We perish if we cease from prayer;
oh, grant us power to pray.
And when to meet you we prepare,
Lord, meet us on our way.

Give deep humility; the sense
of godly sorrow give;
a strong desire, with confidence,
to hear your voice and live;
Faith in the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone;
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes
on Christ, on Christ alone.

Communion Meditation

How many times fasting is enjoined in the Old Testament. Whenever there was war, as penalty for their sins, the Jews were told to fast, and to fast joyfully, not with long faces. Over and over again the chosen people were urged to do penance, to fast, not only as a sign of sorrow for sins, an offering to God of their life, but also to have the means to show their love for their brother or sister who was afflicted.

How shall we have the means to help our brother or sister who is in need? We can do without those unnecessary things which become habits: cigarettes, liquor, coffee, tea, and those foods which only titillate the palate. We all have these habits, the youngest and the oldest. And we have to die to ourselves in order to live, we have to put off the “old human” and put on Christ. That it is so hard, that it arouses so much opposition, serves to show what an accumulation there is in all of us of unnecessary desires.

~ Dorothy Day, “On Pilgrimage,” Ash Wednesday, 1948

All rise as able.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

You have ...

Blessing

Bow down before the Lord.

All kneel or bow.

Recessional Hymn "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"



1-Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
2-Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
3-As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
4-Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect
bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our
light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our quick - ened
go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to

deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but
dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the
sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us
show; hope and health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we

heart, con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
soul, use the love your Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
bear, stir - ring us to tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
give, that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

The Dismissal

Postlude

“Vater Unser im Himmelreich”

J. S Bach

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