



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5, 2025

Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm





PRELUDE

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622

Johann Sebastian Bach

COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Lector A Reading from Prophet Isaiah (58:1-12)

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?
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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Benedic, anima mea

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 READING

Lector A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (5:20b-6:10).

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made himself 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***All* Thanks be to God.**



All rise as able and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN

1 Wilt thou for - give that sin, where I be - gun,
2 Wilt thou for - give that sin, by which I won
3 I have a sin of fear that when I've spun

which is my sin, though it were done be - fore?
o - thers to sin, and made my sin their door?
my last thread, I shall per - ish on the shore;

Wilt thou for-give those sins through which I run,
Wilt thou for-give that sin which I did shun
swear by thy-self, that at my death thy Son

and do run still, though still I do de-lore?
a year or two, but wal - lowed in a score?
shall shine as he shines now, and here - to - fore.

When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
And hav - ing done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

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(1573-1631); Music:
So gibst du nun,
melody from *Geist
und Lehr-reiches
Kirchen und Haus
Buch*, 1694; harm.
Johann Sebastian
Bach (1685-1750)

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (6:1-6, 16-21).
All **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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All are seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Shane Carlson

Silence follows the homily.

All rise as able.

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

Celebrant Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is then kept for a time.



BLESSING OF THE ASHES

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

All **Amen.**

The ashes are imposed with the following words: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

All stand as able and say.

PSALM 51

Miserere mei, Deus

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Celebrant Most holy and merciful Father:

***All* We confess to you 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.**

Celebrant We have not loved you 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.

***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 judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, 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* Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

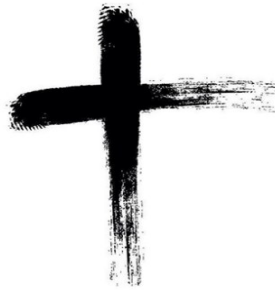
Celebrant Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
All **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

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

Celebrant Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts 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 of 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.

All **Amen.**



THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another with the sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, or at stthomasmedina.org/giving.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM*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.

text: *Lidley's Prayers*, 1566*All rise as able and sing.***PRESENTATION HYMN**

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.

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 Music: *St. Flavain*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

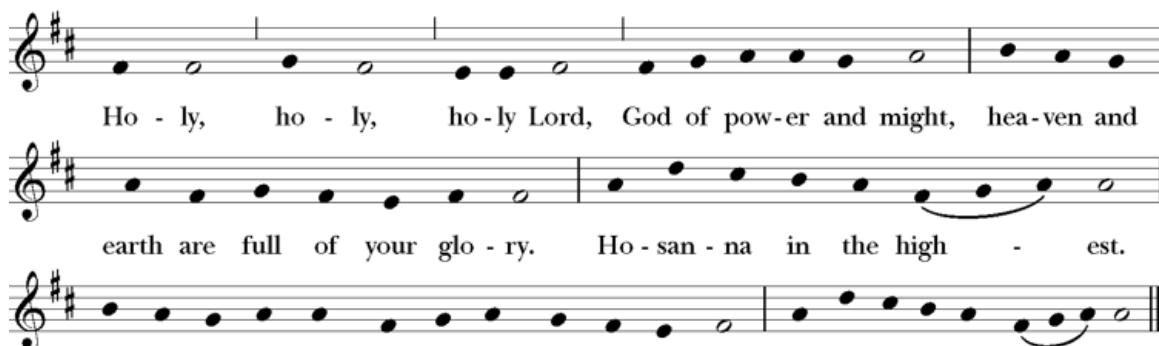
All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



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.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Hymnal 1982, S124 ©; Setting: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

All Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
**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, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Mary, blessed Thomas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

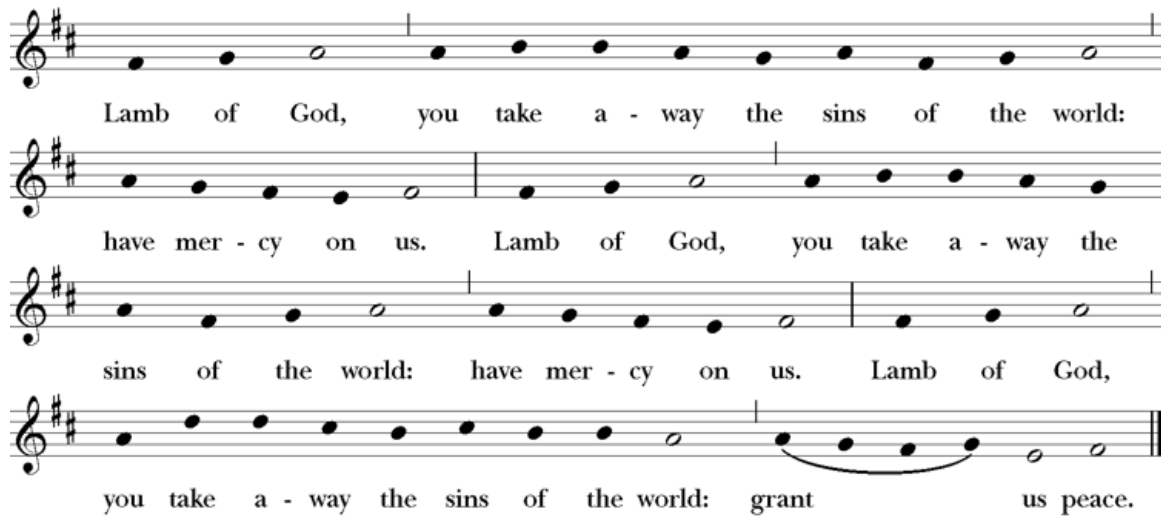
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against 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 Bread is broken.



FRACTION ANTHEM



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.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion.

*Ushers will guide each row to the altar to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is **not** available at this time. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/ or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*



COMMUNION HYMN

1 Je - sus, all my glad - ness, my re - pose in sad - ness,
 2 Hence with earth - ly trea - sure: thou art all my plea - sure,
 3 Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy be - stow - er,

Je - sus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plain - eth, ah, my spi - rit
 Je - sus, my de - sire! Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they
 Je - sus, en - ters in! Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from des - o -

strain - eth, long - eth af - ter thee! Thine I am, O ho - ly Lamb;
 were not rank and for - tune's hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;
 la - tion, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,

on - ly where thou art is plea - sure, thee a - lone I trea - sure.
 nought that I may suf - fer ev - er shall from Je - sus sev - er.
 thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness!

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 Music: *Jesu, meine Freude*, Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.



All rise as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

***All* 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.**

A SOLEMN PRAYER

Celebrant Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord,

***All* Amen.**



COMMUNION HYMN

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)

Music: *Old 124th*, melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551;
 harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

All depart in silence.

POSTLUDE

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