

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Ash Wednesday



Holy Eucharist
(with Imposition of Ashes)

Wednesday, February 18, 2026
10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Notes

The Word of God

The 5:30 p.m. service is broadcast on Facebook Live and YouTube. Livestreaming begins at 5:25 p.m. In keeping with the penitential nature of the season, please prepare for our liturgy with prayer and quiet contemplation.

SILENT PROCESSION

SALUTATION

OFFICIANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

OFFICIANT Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

The People are seated. The Reader says

A Reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

¹Blow 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—
²a 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.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 ¹³rend 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.

¹⁴Who 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?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
 ¹⁶gather 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.

¹⁷Between 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.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:8-14

Benedic, anima mea

Please join me in reading the psalm responsively by half verse.

⁸The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

¹²As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

¹³As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

¹⁴For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

THE SECOND READING

Remain seated. The Reader says

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For 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! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way:

through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as 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.**

HYMN (5:30 p.m. only) **Jesus, All My Gladness** *Jesu, meine Freude*
The Hymnal 1982 #701

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!

HOLY GOSPEL Stand

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

PRIEST The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, ¹“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.

²“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. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“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. ⁶But 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.

¹⁶“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. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

PRIEST The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON Abby Glass

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

All stand.

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 all 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.

All kneel as they are able.

BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Celebrant then says

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. **Amen.**

Those people desiring may then come and kneel before the altar rail to receive the imposition of ashes.

The ashes are imposed with the following words

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

PSALM 51

Miserere mei, Deus

Please join me in reading Psalm 51 in unison.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹²Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

¹⁴I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.

¹⁵Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.

¹⁶Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling as they are able

Most holy and merciful Father:
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.

The Celebrant continues

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.

PEOPLE **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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PEOPLE **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,

PEOPLE **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,

PEOPLE **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

CELEBRANT For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
PEOPLE **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

CELEBRANT Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
PEOPLE **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

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

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

The Priest stands and says

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. **Amen.**

PEACE

All stand.

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

ANTHEM (5:30 p.m. only)

Grant me True Courage (Chorale from BWV 45)

J.S. Bach

Grant that I do with care what I am given to do. Let me lead in my life's station.

OFFERTORY HYMN (5:30 p.m. only)

Eighth Tune
The Hymnal 1982 #43 (st. 4)

4 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand as they are able.

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE **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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 AND BENEDICTUS (5:30 p.m. only)

Schubert/Proulx
The Hymnal 1982 #S-130

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are in soprano clef (G), and the bottom two are in bass clef (F). The music is in common time, with a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father

of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.”

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. ***AMEN.***

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM (10:30 a.m. only)

CELEBRANT We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.

PEOPLE **We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

AGNUS DEI (5:30 p.m. only) Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert/Proulx

The Hymnal 1982 #S-164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek Christ are invited to receive the bread and wine standing or kneeling at the altar rail. If you choose not to receive the wine, let the server know that you want only the bread by placing one hand over your heart (receiving only the bread is full communion). If you prefer not to take communion, you may come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest, or not come forward at all; no one will judge you.

To receive the wine by intinction, please come to the altar rail. Extend your hands, palms flat, and the bread will be placed there for you to dip the bread into the wine.

To receive the wine by sipping from the chalice, please also come to the altar rail, consume the bread, then please help the Lay Eucharistic Minister guide the chalice to your lips to sip.

Please wait for an usher to release you from your pew to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

ANTHEM (5:30 p.m. only)

Let My Prayer Come up into Thy Presence

Henry Purcell

HYMN (5:30 p.m. only)

Give Me a Clean Heart

Lift Every Voice and Sing #124

Give me a clean heart so I may serve

Thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by

thee. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings

ings. Give me a clean heart and I'll fol-low thee.

— 1. I'm not ask-ing for the rich - es of the land.
 (2. Some-times) I am up and some-times I am down.

1. — I'm not ask - ing for the proud to know my
 2. — Some-times I am al - most lev - el to the

1. name. Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that
 2. ground. Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that

1. I may fol - low thee. Give me a clean heart, a
 2. I may fol - low thee. Give me a clean heart, a

1. clean heart, and I will fol - low thee. 2. Some - times
 2. clean heart, and I will fol - low thee.



After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a Solemn Prayer over the People is said.

Let us bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel as they are able.

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN (5:30 p.m. only) The Glory of These Forty Days *Erhalt uns, Herr*
The Hymnal 1982 #143 (st. 1-3)

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -

1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's

1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.

DISMISSAL

The priest offers a dismissal, and the people respond

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Organ Symphony No. 1 in c minor, I, Moderato
 Charles Marie Widor

In respect of those engaged in prayer, please exit the church in quiet reverence.



Hearing Loop assistance is available inside this building. Set hearing aid on "T" (telecoil) setting. Headsets are also available in both the narthex and Miller Hall that will allow access to the Hearing Loop. Please see an usher for help.

HEARING THE WORD

On Wednesday, February 18, 2026, we welcome Abby Glass to preach at our Ash Wednesday services. We share Abby with the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd as our Children, Youth, and Family Minister. Please join us in welcoming Abby!

WE WELCOME CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

We welcome children of all ages in all of our worship services. You can find worship bags with quiet activities for children in the narthex. **Nursery for children**

Kindergarten age and younger is available at our 5:30 p.m. service beginning at 5:15 p.m. An usher can direct you to our nursery located on the lower level of our parish building.

ABOUT THE ASHES OF ASH WEDNESDAY

The ashes we use on Ash Wednesday are made from palm branches. They are a symbolic reminder that we human beings are capable of praising our Lord in one moment, then betraying or abandoning him in the next. This is the human condition: we are fragile and fickle creatures, greatly in need of God's help. This is why, when we receive the ashes, we hear the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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10:30 a.m.

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5:30 p.m.

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