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# **Ash Wednesday**

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II & IMPOSITION OF ASHES

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

6:00 IN THE EVENING IN THE CHURCH  
(AND LIVE-STREAMED)

## Hymn 152

## A la venue de Noël

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**Kind Maker of the world, O hear  
the fervent prayer, with many a tear  
poured forth by all the penitent  
who keep this holy fast of Lent!**

**Each heart is manifest to thee;  
thou knowest our infirmity;  
now we repent, and seek thy face;  
grant unto us thy pardoning grace.**

**Spare us, O Lord, who now confess  
our sins and all our wickedness,  
and, for the glory of thy Name,  
our weakened souls to health reclaim.**

**Give us the discipline that springs  
from abstinence in outward things  
with inward fasting, so that we  
in heart and soul may dwell with thee.**

**Grant, O thou blessed Trinity;  
grant, O unchanging Unity;  
that this our fast of forty days  
may work our profit and thy praise!**

## Salutation &amp; The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*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. **Amen.**

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

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of 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

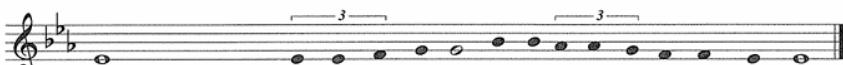
thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts 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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 103:8-14

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The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

- 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. **Antiphon**
- 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. **Antiphon**
- 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. **Antiphon**

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

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, 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.**

*Hymn: Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes*

*Beach Spring*

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1 Sun-day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es as an - oth - er Lent be -  
2 We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of - fens - es to for -  
3 We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to proof of hu - man

gins; thus we kneel be - fore our Mak - er in con -  
give, have not lis - tened to their trou - bles nor have  
need; and our lack of un - der - stand - ing dem - on -

tri - tion for our sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal  
cared just how they live; we are jeal - ous, proud, im -  
strates our in - ner greed; we have wast - ed earth's re -

pled - ges. in re - bel - lion, gone a - stray; now, re -  
pa - tient, lov - ing (ov - er - much) our things; may the  
sour - ces; want and suf - fering we've ig - nored; come and

turn - ing, seek for - give - ness; grant us par - don, Lord, this day!  
yield - ing of our fail - ings be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.  
cleanse us, then re - store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

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

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

*People:* **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."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Lauren McDonald

Invitation to the observance of a holy Lent

*BCP*, p. 264

*After the Sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant or Minister appointed invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent.*

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.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

Imposition of Ashes

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.**

*All are invited to come forward to receive the imposition of ashes:*

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

Psalm 51 (*said*)

- 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 Celebrant and People together*

**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.**

*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.

*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, facing the people, 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.**

The Peace

*BCP, p. 360*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to His Table. Ushers will direct you forward to the altar. To receive the Bread, stand or kneel and the priest will place the Bread in the palm of your hand. Our custom is to receive the Common Cup by guiding the Chalice to your lips; intinction is not permitted. If you prefer not to receive the Bread or Wine, please come to the altar and cross your arms for a blessing. For gluten-free communion wafers, make your need known to the clergy at the altar. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

Offertory Anthem:

Hide Not Thou Thy Face from Us, O Lord  
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*Presentation Hymn 25*

*Eighth Tune*

**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**

## The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

*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.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, Sustainer of the Universe.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of your creation.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Sanctus*

*Hymnal S 127*

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music During Communion: I Call to Thee  
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*Hymn during communion 475*

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**God himself is with us;  
let us all adore him,  
and with awe appear before him.  
God is here within us;  
souls in silence fear him,  
humbly, fervently draw near him.  
Now his own who have known  
God, in worship lowly,  
yield their spirits wholly.**

**Gladly, Lord, we offer  
thine to be for ever,  
soul and life and each endeavor,  
help us to surrender  
earth's deceitful treasures,  
pride of life, and sinful pleasures:  
thou alone shalt be known  
Lord of all our being,  
life's true way decreeing.**

**Thou pervadest all things;  
let thy radiant beauty  
light mine eyes to see my duty.  
As the tender flowers  
eagerly unfold them,  
to the sunlight calmly hold them,  
so let me quietly  
in thy rays imbue me;  
let thy light shine through me.**

**Come, abide within me;  
let my soul, like Mary,  
be thine earthly sanctuary.  
Come, indwelling Spirit,  
with transfiguring splendor;  
love and honor will I render.  
Where I go here below,  
let me bow before thee,  
know thee, and adore thee.**

The Post Communion Prayer

*BCP*, p. 364

**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.**

The Prayer Over the People

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 697*

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*Song 67*

**My God, accept my heart his day,  
and make it always thine,  
that I from thee no more may stray,  
no more from thee decline.**

**Before the cross of him who died,  
behold, I prostrate fall;  
let every sin be crucified,  
and Christ be all in all.**

**Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,  
and seal me for thine own,  
that I may see thy glorious face,  
and worship near thy throne.**

**Let every thought and work and word,  
to thee be ever given;  
then life shall be thy service, Lord,  
and death the gate of heaven.**

The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: He Who Will Suffer, God to Guide Thee  
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J. S. Bach

## **Candlelight Concerts in the Church @ 7pm**

Saturday, February 21 - Organ Recital

Cheryl Van Ornam, Organist at First Church of Christ,  
Scientist in Richmond, Virginia

## **Historical Organ Recital**

### **William & Mary Wren Chapel @ 10am**

Saturday, February 21 - Rebecca Davy

## **Participants @ 6pm**

Reader 1	Michael Smith
Reader 2	Jeanne Harvey
Chalicer 1	Susan Allen
Chalicer 2	MJ Freeman
Prayer Leader	Clergy
Ushers	Brian Hanlon, Sallie Cross, Randy Hobbs, Richard Maney
A/V Ministry	Bill Dugge

## **Palm Sunday, March 29**

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 8am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15am (and live-streamed)

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 11:15am

Passion Sunday Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm

## **Holy Tuesday, March 31**

Sacred Music for Organ and Choir @ 8pm

## **Maundy Thursday, April 2**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 6pm (and live-streamed)

## **Good Friday, April 3**

Good Friday Liturgy @ 12pm

Stations of the Cross @ 1:30pm

Tenebrae @ 7pm (and live-streamed)

## **Holy Saturday, April 4**

The Great Vigil of Easter @ 8pm (and live-streamed)

## **Easter Sunday, April 5**

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 8am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15am (outside)

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15am (inside; and live-streamed)

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 11:15am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

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