



ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30pm

*Remember you are but dust,
And to dust you shall return*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All stand as the clergy enter.

Priest Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully. *Silence is kept.*

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 58:1–12

A denunciation of the injustices of those who only act at their religion. There is a promise of the Lord's favor for those who genuinely repent and care for the needy. Fasts and many prayers are of no purpose and may be misused if they do not involve the liberation of the oppressed and help for the weak and afflicted. When there is justice and sharing, then the light of the Lord will rise out of the darkness and all the ruins will be rebuilt.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:8–14 *Benedic, anima mea*

A hymn of thanksgiving for healing forgiveness and for all the Lord's acts of compassion and justice.



- 8 The Lord is full of com- | passion and | mercy,*
slow to anger and | of great | kindness.
- 9 **He will not | always ac- | cuse us, ***
nor will he keep his | anger for | ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us ac- | cording | to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according | to our | wickedness.
- 11 **For as the heavens are | high a- | bove 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 re- | moved 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 where- | of we | are made; *
he remembers | that we | are but dust.

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Paul urges the new disciples to be reconciled to God in this time of deliverance, and he reminds them of all the hardships he has patiently endured for their sake and for the gospel. The disciples' task is to respond to God's reconciling work in Christ who has taken upon himself their sinfulness so that they might have a right relationship with God. In order that he might offer his service without presenting any personal obstacles, Paul has accepted many of the paradoxes that were part of Jesus' own ministry. Although himself poor, he brings true riches to many.

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.

Gradual Hymn (Green Hymnal 825) Bless the Lord my Soul

Jacques Berthier

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Jesus describes genuine charity, prayer, and fasting. For religious people the temptation is always strong to want to be recognized as full of piety more than to want honestly to be seeking God and the good of others. Praise and rewards for an outward show of religion all pass away. The real treasure is found in our relationship with God.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Beware of practicing your righteousness 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 somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Laurel Coote

Meditative Chant: You are the Center (Sung by the Choir)

Margaret Rizza

You are the center, you are my life,
you are the center, O Lord, of my life.
Come Lord and guide me, Lord of my life;
send me your Spirit, Lord of my life.
You are the center, Lord of my life.

You are the center, you are my life,
you are the center, O Lord, of my life.
Come Lord and heal me, Lord of my life;
come, Lord and teach me, Lord of my life.
You are the center, Lord of my life.

Give me your spirit and teach me your ways,
give me your peace, Lord, and set me free.

You are the center, Lord, of my life.
You are the center, O Lord, of my life.

A Call to a Holy Lent

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Priest Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People **and also with you.**

Priest Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

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.

People **Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

Priest 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.**

The people come forward for the imposition of ashes.

The ashes are imposed with the following words

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

Psalm 51 Miserere mei, Deus



- 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 trans- | gressions, *
and my sin is ever | before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I | sinned ***
and done what is e- | vil 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 with- | in me, *
and will make me understand wis- | dom 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 bro- | ken 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 Spir- | it from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving | help again *
and sustain me with your bounti- | ful 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.

Self-examination and Confession *The people stand or kneel.*

A minister now leads a corporate examination of conscience:

Leader Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God. God the Father,
People have mercy upon us.

Leader God the Son,
People have mercy upon us.

Leader God the Holy Spirit,
People have mercy upon us.

Leader Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
People have mercy upon us.

Leader From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent,
People good Lord, deliver us.

Leader From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
People good Lord, deliver us.

Leader From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

People good Lord, deliver us.

Leader In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;
in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,

People good Lord, deliver us.

Leader By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and
obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

People good Lord, deliver us.

Leader By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,

People good Lord, deliver us.

Leader By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; and by your precious
death and burial,

People good Lord, deliver us.

Leader By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

People good Lord, deliver us.

Leader Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend
our lives according to your holy word.

**People Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Silence is kept.

Priest Make our hearts clean, O God;

People and renew a right spirit within us.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.

**We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as
children of light. Amen.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace with one another.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

During the setting of the table a collection is taken to support the life and ministry at St. Dunstan's. The people's offerings of bread, wine and money or other gifts will be brought to the priest. The people stand while the offerings are presented. Offerings may also be made online at www.stdcv.org

Priest Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows
to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem Hide not thou thy Face

*Richard Farrant
(c. 1535-1581)*

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servants 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.

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest 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 S124

From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd
(b. 1950)

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Priest 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."

Priest 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Priest 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.**

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

**People 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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S161 Lamb of God

*David Hurd
(b.1950)*

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.

Priest 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who come in faith seeking a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to receive the bread in your open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice to your lips by touching the base.

At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup, may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer. You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying an usher.

Communion Chants

Calm me, Lord

Rizza

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord,

T, B p

D A/C# Bm G D/F#

p

Detailed description: This system contains the first two systems of music. The top system features a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The piano part consists of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with the same chord sequence.

keep me from harm.— Let all the tu-mult with - in me cease; en - fold me,

Em7 ASUS4 A D A/C# Bm7 G/B D/A

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth systems of music. The vocal line continues with lyrics and the piano accompaniment follows with the same chord sequence.

To repeat, ad lib.
pp

Lord, in your peace.

pp

Bm Em7 ASUS4 A

Last time
pp

Lord, en - fold me in your peace.

ppp

Bm Em7 ASUS4 A D

pp

rall.
pp

ppp

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth systems of music. The fifth system includes a repeat sign and dynamic markings. The sixth system includes a 'rall.' marking and a final dynamic marking. The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line in the final system.

O Lord hear my prayer Green Hymnal 827

*Jacques Berthier
(1923-1994)*

The Prayer After Communion *All Stand.*

Priest Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Priest May God, who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.

People Amen.

Priest May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.

People Amen.

Priest May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

People Amen.

Priest And the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Recessional Hymn 149 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

Old 124th

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people depart in silence

Sermon Notes

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