



Remember
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

Ash Wednesday

14 February 2024

7:00 p.m.



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We remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Cascades, Cowlitz, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla, whose land that we now occupy in this region was once their home, and it was taken from them. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Umatilla, and Siletz continue to have a presence in this area. We give thanks for them and express our gratitude for their witness on how to live a life that is honorable and humble. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us; that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.

This statement is in accord with the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church

Introit

Dust and Ashes

music: *Aidan's Torch*
Frederick Frahm (b.1964)
text: Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Dust and ashes touch our face,
mark our failure and our falling.
Holy Spirit, come, walk with us tomorrow,
take us as disciples, washed and wakened by your calling.

Refrain Take us by the hand and lead us,
lead us through the desert sands,
bring us living water, Holy Spirit, come.

Dust and ashes soil our hands -
greed of market, pride of nation.
Holy Spirit, come, walk with us tomorrow,
as we pray and struggle through the meshes of oppression. *Refrain*

Dust and ashes choke our tongue
in the wasteland of depression.
Holy Spirit, come, walk with us tomorrow,
through all gloom and grieving to the paths of resurrection. *Refrain*

THE WORD OF GOD

SALUTATION

Worship Leader Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Worship Leader 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.*

All sit.

FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2,12-17

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?'"

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

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 103
Benedic, anima mea

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

**2. Bless the Lord, O my soul,*
and forget not all his benefits.**

3. He forgives all your sins*
and heals all your infirmities;

**4. He redeems your life from the grave*
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

5. He satisfies you with good things,*
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**6. The Lord executes righteousness*
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

7. He made his ways known to Moses*
and his works to the children of Israel.

**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.**

15. Our days are like the grass;*
we flourish like a flower of the field;

**16. When the wind goes over it, it is gone,*
and its place shall know it no more.**

17. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who
fear him,*
and his righteousness on children's children;

**18. On those who keep his covenant*
and remember his commandments and do them.**

19. The Lord has set his throne in heaven,*
and his kingship has dominion over all.

**20. Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his
bidding,*
and hearken to the voice of his word.**

21. Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,*
you ministers of his who do his will.

**22. Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;*
bless the Lord, O my soul.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Eternal Lord of love

Hymnal #149

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

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."

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ESSAY "Our Ashes" from Sermons that Work
By The Rev. Bertie Pearson, St. Alban's Church, Washington DC
read by Cheryle Gardiner

A time of silence for reflection follows.

All stand as able.

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 then kept for a time, all kneeling as able.

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 ashes are imposed with the following words

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

MUSIC DURING THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

***Miserere* (Psalm 51:1-4)**

Paolo Pandolfo (b. 1964)

<i>Miserere mei, Deus,</i>	Have mercy on me, God,
<i>Secundum magnam misericordiam tuam:</i>	According to your great compassion:
<i>Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum,</i>	And according to your many mercies
<i>Dele iniquitatem meam:</i>	Blot out my iniquity:
<i>Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea,</i>	Wash me thoroughly of my iniquity,
<i>Et a peccato meo munda me:</i>	And purify me of my sin:
<i>Miserere mei, Deus,</i>	For I recognize my transgression:
<i>Secundum magnam misericordiam tuam:</i>	And my sin is always before me.
<i>Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum,</i>	Against you alone I have sinned,
<i>Dele iniquitatem meam:</i>	and I have done evil before you:
<i>Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea,</i>	So that you are justified in your
<i>Et a peccato meo munda me:</i>	sentence,
<i>Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco:</i>	And righteous in judgment
<i>Et peccatum meum contra me est semper:</i>	
<i>Tibi soli peccavi,</i>	
<i>et malum coram te feci:</i>	
<i>Ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis,</i>	
<i>Et vincas cum judicaris.</i>	

The Leader and People kneel as able and recite Psalm 51 in unison.

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 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.**

LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Worship Leader and People together, all kneeling

**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 Worship Leader 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.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

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.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

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,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

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

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

The Worship Leader, still kneeling, says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Now let us join in the prayer our Savior Christ has taught us.

**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.**

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Please greet those around you in a way that is comfortable to you and to them
as a sign of our participation in Christ's reconciling work in the world*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen.

CONCLUDING HYMN **Forgive our sins as we forgive** **Hymnal #674**

DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY **Prelude on *Old 124th*** **Healey Willan**
(1880-1968)

*The congregation may remain in prayer and meditation during the
voluntary, or may depart in silence.*

Please refrain from applause following the Closing Voluntary

SERVING TODAY

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Cheryle Gardiner

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Joseph Z. Pettit

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Statement of Purpose

Our mission is to spread the Promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond our community through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach.

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