

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Ash Wednesday

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Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories
of the Esquimalt, Songhees and WSÁNEĆ people,
the traditional custodians of these lands.
We are grateful for their hospitality.*

Organ Prelude

(Please be seated.)

Welcome and Introduction

(The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee)

Bishop: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you despise 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 brokenness,
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.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JOEL 2: 1-2, 12-17

Reader: *Merry Hallsor*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Joel.

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2022-03-02>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103: 8-18

Response: The Lord remembers that we are but dust.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever. (Response)

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. (Response)

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him. (Response)

For he himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
When the wind goes over it,
it is gone, and its place shall know it no more. (Response)

But the merciful goodness of the Lord
endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;
On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments and do them. (Response)

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 20B-6: 10

Reader: *Barbara Felsing*

*Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul
to the Corinthians.*

Click here for the reading:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2022-03-02>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 614 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive
(tune: Detroit)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6: 1-6, 16-21

Reader: Harry Felsing

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel can be found here:

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At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

Bishop: Dear friends in Christ,
every year at the time of the Christian Passover
we celebrate our redemption
through the death and resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration
and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.
We begin this holy season
by remembering our need for repentance,

and for the mercy and forgiveness
proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes,
an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty
and uncertainty of human life,
and marking the penitence
of the community as a whole.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord,
to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination, penitence, prayer,
fasting, and almsgiving,
and by reading and meditating on the word of God.
Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

A Litany Of Penitence

A Prayer of Confession

**All: Most holy and merciful God,
we confess to you, 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.**

Bishop: We have not loved you with our whole heart,
and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others,
as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Bishop: 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.

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

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

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

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

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

All: We confess to you, Lord.

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

All: We confess to you, Lord.

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

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: For all false judgements,
for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours,
and for our prejudice and contempt
toward those who differ from us,

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

All: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Blessing of the Ashes

Bishop: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth
you have created us.
May these ashes be for us a sign
of our mortality and penitence,
and a reminder that only by your gracious gift
are we given eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

*Those who desire to receive ashes come forward, and the ashes are
applied to the forehead of each person with the following words:*

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

*After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads
the congregation in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling.*

Bishop: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

All: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Bishop: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

**All: Bring us with all your saints
to the joy of his resurrection.**

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

All: Amen.

The Peace: *(Please stand as you are able.)*

For the peace, please acknowledge your greeting of peace by a simple bow – with no physical contact.

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP 610 Before I Take the Body of My Lord
(tune: Laying Down)

Note that the offerings will be taken forward to the altar during this hymn, but we aren't allowed to pass around the collection plate at this time. If you missed putting in your donation as you entered the church, donations left in the collection plates after the service will also be collected.

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts:

Bishop: Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness
and from disobedience to love,
and prepare us to celebrate the death
and resurrection of Christ our Saviour
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever,

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bishop: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
not as we ought, but as we are able.

For out the dust you created us
and breathed your life-giving spirit into our hearts.
But we when turned away from you in pride and sin,
in your tender love you came to us
in your only Son, Jesus, the Christ.

You exalted him, and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth
to proclaim God's name.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Congregation may sit or kneel at this time.

Bishop: 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Bishop: 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.

Lead us by the power of the same Spirit
to live as you require:
to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with you our God.
Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ
until this mortal life is ended,
and all that is earthly returns to dust.

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 honour and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Please stand as you are able.)

Bishop: In the words that our Saviour taught us, we pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread.

**All: 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.**

The Giving of Communion

Priest: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All: Thanks be to God.

At this time, protocols allow for only the bread to be shared for communion. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as each section is invited to come forward. Allow at least 2 metres (6 feet) between you and the person in front of you. As you come up to the communion station, stand behind the marked line and reach your hand forward to receive the host. Please exit to the chapel side and return to your seat.

Prayer after Communion (Please stand as you are able.)

Bishop: God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you reconciled your people to yourself.
Following his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Glory to God

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God,
from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Benediction

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 175 Forty Days and Forty Nights

(tune: Heinlein [Aus Der Tiere])

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

<p>Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider and Preacher: The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; Liturgical Assistants: Harry Felsing and Sean Tiernay; Readers: Merry Hallsor, Barbara Felsing, and Harry Felsing; Organist: David Berry; Sidesperson: Barb Prescott; Videographer: Sharon McMillan; Printing Readings and Bulletins: Andrew Lloyd.</p>
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