

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22, 2023, 6:30 PM



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SAINT ANDREW'S LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

First Sunday in Lent, February 26

8:30 am, Low Mass

10:30 am, Sung High Mass with Great Litany

Wednesdays in Lent

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

5:30 pm, Healing Mass

6:30 pm Soup Supper Class: Preparing a Rule of Life

Second, Third, Fourth (Laetare) and Fifth Sundays in Lent,

March 5, 12, 19, & 26

8:30 am, Low Mass

10:30 am, Sung High Mass

Palm Sunday, April 2

8:30 am, Low Mass with Hymns

10:30 am, Solemn High Mass with Palm Procession

Monday in Holy Week, April 3, 6:30 pm, Low Mass

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 4, 6:30 pm, Low Mass

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 5, 6:30 pm, Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 6

6:30 pm, Sung High Mass with Foot-Washing & Stripping of the Altar
followed by Vigil at the Altar of Repose in Lady Chapel

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 noon, Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm, Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 8

10:00 am, Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday

7:30 pm, Great Vigil with First Eucharist of Easter

Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Sunday, April 9

8:30 am, Low Mass with Hymns

10:00 am, Flowering of the Cross and Digging Up the Alleluias

10:30 am, Solemn High Mass

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Imposition of Ashes

Voluntary

O man, bewail thy grievous fall (S. 622)

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

After the opening announcements, the Celebrant will ring the bell and the people stand. The altar party processes during the Introit.

Introit: Thou hast mercy on all things, O Lord, and hatest nothing that thou hast created: and winkest at men's iniquities, because they should amend, and sparest all men, for they are thine, O Lord, thou lover of souls. *Ps.* Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Word of God

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those 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 thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

After the Collect, the people sit.

The Lessons

First Lesson

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103 *(sung by the choir)*

- 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.

Benedic, anima mea

- 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.

Tone VIII.2

Second Lesson

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn, No. 142 (vv. 1-3) *Lord, who throughout these forty days* ST. FLAVIAN

The Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Fr Gary Eichelberger

Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

The people stand and remain standing until invited to kneel.

Ministers 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.

We 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.

The Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

Celebrant Almighty God, thou hast created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be unto us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Those desiring the imposition of ashes may come forward at the direction of the ushers. The ashes are then imposed with the following words

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

During the imposition of ashes, the following Psalm is read aloud. Upon receiving the imposition of ashes and returning to your pew, you are invited to return to kneeling.

Psalm 51

Miserere Mei, Deus

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God,
after thy great goodness; *
according to the multitude of thy mercies
do away mine offenses.
² Wash me throughly from my wickedness, *
and cleanse me from my sin.
³ For I acknowledge my faults, *
and my sin is ever before me.
⁴ Against thee only have I sinned,
and done this evil in thy sight; *
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying,
and clear when thou shalt judge.
⁵ Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, *
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
⁶ But lo, thou requirest truth
in the inward parts, *
and shalt make me to understand
wisdom secretly.
⁷ Thou shalt purge me with hyssop,
and I shall be clean; *
thou shalt wash me,
and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the bones which thou hast broken
may rejoice.
⁹ Turn thy face from my sins, *
and put out all my misdeeds.
¹⁰ Make me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence, *
and take not thy holy Spirit from me.
¹² O give me the comfort of thy help again, *
and stablish me with thy free Spirit.
¹³ Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, *
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
¹⁴ Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou
that art the God of my health; *
and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.
¹⁵ Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall show thy praise.
¹⁶ For thou desirest no sacrifice,
else would I give it thee; *
but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.
¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou
not despise.

Litany of Penitence

Celebrant and people together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to thee 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 thee 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 **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant We have not heard thy call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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

People **We confess to thee, O Lord.**

Celebrant Our lust, gluttony, and abuse of others,

People **We confess to thee, O Lord.**

Celebrant Our anger, hatred, malice, and envy,

People **We confess to thee, O Lord.**

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

People **We confess to thee, O Lord.**

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

People **We confess to thee, O Lord.**

Celebrant Accept our repentance, O 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, O 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, O Lord.**

Celebrant For our poor stewardship and misuse of thy creation, and our lack of concern for the generations to come,

People **Accept our repentance, O Lord.**

Celebrant Restore us, good Lord, and let thy anger depart from us;

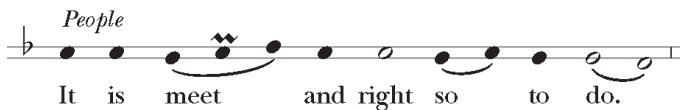
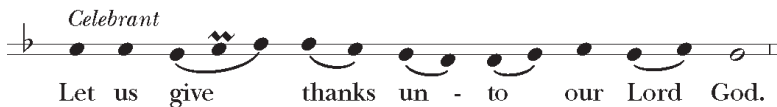
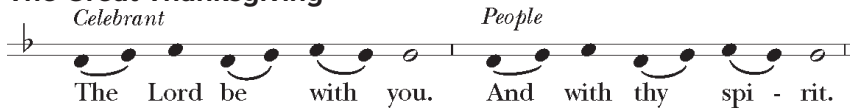
People **Favorably hear us, for thy mercy is great.**

Celebrant Accomplish in us the work of thy salvation;

People **That we may show forth thy glory in the world.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Rite I, Prayer II



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus/Benedictus

Hymnal S115

Plainsong

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand, and the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

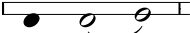
Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make;

having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled ✠ with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All 
A-men.

The Celebrant continues

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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S119

Plainsong

All **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. (Note that, with the onset of Lent, the "alleluias" are omitted in the following.)

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S159

Plainsong

All **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following

The Gifts of God ✠ for the People of God.

After the Blessed Sacrament has been distributed to the altar party and the choir, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. At the altar rail, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are not yet baptized are invited to indicate a desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms upon arrival at the altar rail. (Our rector is always eager to speak with anyone who is not yet baptized about preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Baptism.)

For those receiving the Blessed Sacrament, a wafer will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the chalice is offered. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one from the priest at the altar rail. Should you wish to receive wine by intinction (dipping), allow the chalice bearer to take the wafer from your open palm and intinct for you. Should you be unable to manage the steps, please notify one of the ushers so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Communion Hymn, No. 144 *Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

Postcommunion Prayer

Upon the Celebrant's invitation to prayer, the people kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Closing Prayer for Ash Wednesday

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

After the closing prayer, the people stand.

Retiring Processional Hymn, No. 143 *The glory of these forty days*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

After the Dismissal, you may remain for a time of solemn meditation or depart in silence.

L E N T

During the Season of Lent, which covers the forty-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter (not counting Sundays, which are always feast days), we begin to turn our hearts and minds to the tragedy and triumph of the Cross.

Lent, therefore, is a time of spiritual focus and has its roots in the extended period of preparation that preceded baptism for new members of the early church. During those times, baptism often took place at Easter, and, as preparation, candidates would have been encouraged to fast, pray, give money to those in need, and meditate on Scripture -- four activities still associated with Lent.

Like the early church, we will provide the opportunity for baptisms at our Easter Vigil on the evening of Saturday, April 8. Please let us know if you or someone in your family may desire baptism on that festive occasion!

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall.
Use the door to the left of the church, closest to the parking lot.

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Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II

10:30 AM, Sung High Mass, Rite I (also via livestream)

Wednesdays

5:30 PM, Healing Mass with Unction

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:00 PM Rosary in Church

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 5:30 PM Mass