

The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Ash Wednesday

February 10, 2016 • 6:30 pm

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand at the sounding of the sanctus bells.

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.
Trinity of Love,
Have mercy on us.

Let us call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

The people sing their responses.

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

Most holy and merciful God, 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.

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.



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. We confess to you.

Have mercy on us.

All our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us.

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us.

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

Have mercy on us.

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.

Cantor *Congregation*



Have mer-cy on us. Ac-cept our re-pent-ance, O Lord.

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

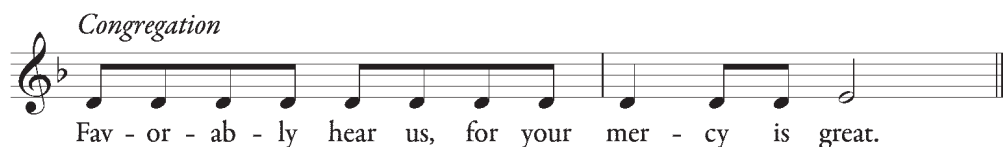
Accept our repentance, O Lord.

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

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

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

Congregation



Fav-or-ab-ly hear us, for your mer-cy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

Congregation



That we may show forth your glo-ry in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

Congregation



Bring us with your saints to the joy of res-ur-rec-tion.

KYRIE ELEISON

Cantor *Congregation*



Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

Cantor *Congregation*



Chri-ste e-le-i-son. Chri-ste e-le-i-son.

Cantor *Congregation*



Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

Silence is kept.

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The presider prays the declaration of forgiveness, and the people respond, Amen.

SALUTATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The presider prays the collect and the people respond, Amen.

The people are seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103: 8-14

plainsong

O God, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
You will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger for ever.
You have 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 your mercy great upon those who fear you.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our sins from us.
As a parent cares for a child,
so do you care for those who fear you.
For you yourself know whereof we are made;
you remember that we are but dust.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand for the sequence hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 148

Sung by all

Creator of the earth and skies

Uffingham

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

HOMILY

The Rev. Kenworthy

The people stand.

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

When the invitation has been made, the people remain standing as they are able for a period of silence.

The presider blesses the ashes. The people respond, Amen.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Ashes are imposed at stations. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

ANTHEM AT THE IMPOSITION

Sung in Latin

Miserere mei

Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
 Wash me through and through from my wickedness
 and cleanse me from my sin.
 For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
 Against you only have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight.
 And so you are justified when you speak
 and upright in your judgment.
 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
 a sinner from my mother's womb.
 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
 and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
 wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
 that the body you have broken may rejoice.
 Hide your face from my sins
 and blot out all my iniquities.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence
 and take not your holy Spirit from me.
 Give me the joy of your saving help again
 and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
 and sinners shall return to you.
 Deliver me from death, O God,
 and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
 O God of my salvation.
 Open my lips, O Lord,
 and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
 but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
 Be favorable and gracious to Zion,
 and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
 with burnt-offerings and oblations;
 then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar. (*Psalms 51*)

Silence is kept.

The presider invites all to stand and offers the peace.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

I love the Lord

Jonathan Harvey (1939-2012)

I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
 therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold
 upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord I beseech thee, deliver my
 soul. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul
 from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
 (*Psalms 116:1-4, 7-9*)

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 150

Sung by all

Forty days and forty nights

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

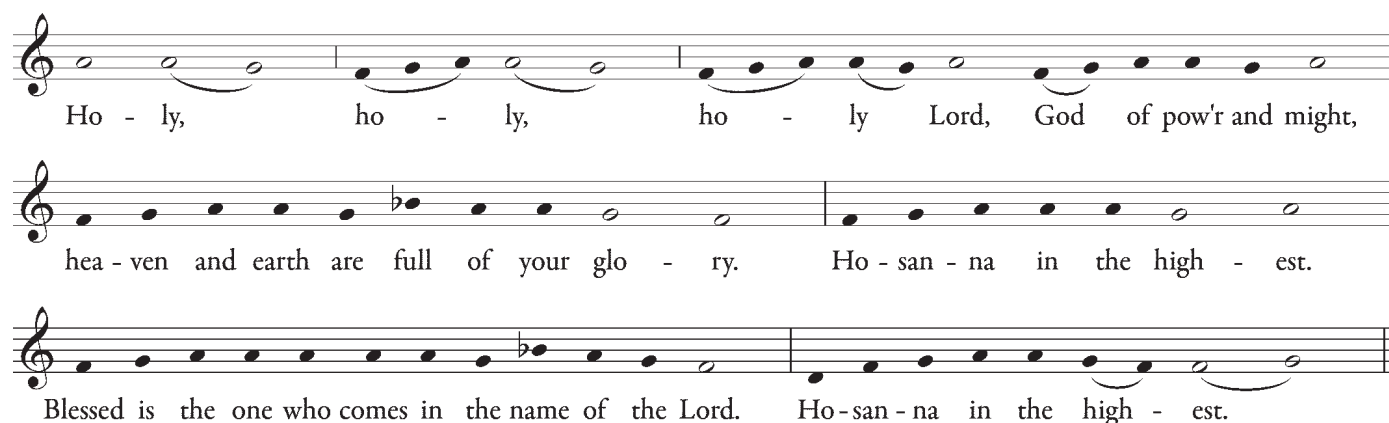
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Mass 18



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Gracious God, 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 God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

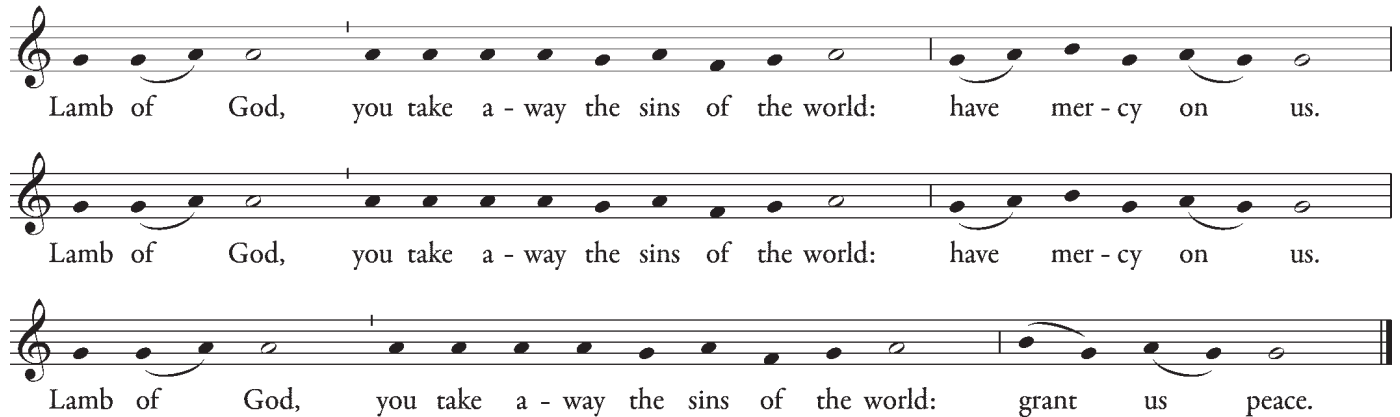
Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray; each in our own language, the prayer of your heart.

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 AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Mass 18



The people are seated.

INVITATION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Laboravi in gemitu

Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

Sung in Latin. I have grown weary because of my grieving; every night I wash my bed in my tears, my couch I drench with my weeping. (*Psalms 6*)

The people stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavor to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The presider prays this solemn prayer. The people respond, Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN • 142

Sung by all.

Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

All depart in silence.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde

The Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell

The Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope

The Rev. Stuart Kenworthy

The Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls



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