

ASH WEDNESDAY  
CHORAL EVENSONG  
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
FEBRUARY 22, 2012  
FIVE THIRTY PM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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*The Reverend Gina Gilland Campbell, officiant  
The Reverend Canon Mary Sulerud, homilist  
The Reverend Canon Ralph Godsall, litanist  
The Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls*

Canticles: *Second Service* by William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)  
Responses: Wm. Byrd

*The service begins in silence. Please stand as the procession enters.*

**PRECES** *Sung by the choir.*

*Cantor* O Lord, open thou our lips;  
*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
*Cantor* O God, make speed to save us;  
*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.  
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.  
Praise ye the Lord.

*The people are seated as the choir sings the psalm.*

**PSALM 130** plainsong

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.  
If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.  
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;  
With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! The one who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the Lord is his name, who makes destruction flash out against the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress. They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**MAGNIFICAT**

*The people stand as the choir sings.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
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 people are seated.*

**THE SECOND READING**

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**NUNC DIMITTIS***The people stand as the choir sings.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
 according to thy word;  
 for mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
 to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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 APOSTLES' CREED***Said by all, facing the high altar.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER***Sung by 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.

**SUFFRAGES***Sung by the choir.*

*Cantor* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor* O Lord, save the State;

*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Cantor* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor* O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
 but only thou, O God.

*Cantor* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

*The officiant prays the collects and the choir sings "Amen". Then the people are seated.*

## HOMILY

Canon Sulerud

## INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

*When the invitation has been made, all kneel as they are able for a period of silence.*

*The people remain kneeling while the officiant blesses the ashes. The people respond **Amen**.*

## THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Ashes are administered at stations. Please follow the direction of the ushers. After the imposition of ashes, all sit or kneel for a period of silence.*

## ANTHEM

*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 judgement. 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 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. That you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and oblations; then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

*Psalms 51*

## THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

**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.

**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 DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

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

#### **HYMN 142**

*Sung by all, standing.*

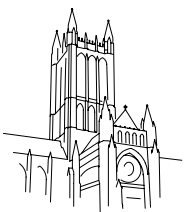
*Lord, who throughout these forty days*

*St. Flavian*

#### **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir, BWV 686*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)



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