

ASH WEDNESDAY  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
FEBRUARY 22, 2012  
SEVEN THIRTY PM

## WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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*The Reverend Lyndon Shakespeare, celebrant*  
*The Reverend Canon Ralph Godsall, gospeller*  
*The Reverend Gina Gilland Campbell, assistant*  
*The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, homilist*  
*Cathedral Singers*

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

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*Please stand as the procession enters in silence.*

#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

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

*The celebrant prays the collect. All respond Amen.*

*The people are seated for the lessons.*

#### **THE 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?'"

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence follows the reading.*

**PSALM 103:8-14***The people read the verses in bold.*

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.**

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.**

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.**

For he himself knows whereof we are made;  
 he remembers that we are but dust.

**THE SECOND READING**

II 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.***HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 150***Forty days and forty nights**Aus der Tiefe rufe ich***THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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**

Canon Cope

*The people stand.*

**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 celebrant blesses the ashes. The people respond **Amen.***

**THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

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

**ANTHEM**

*Sung in Latin.*

*Pater peccavi*

Clemens non Papa (1510-1556)

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against thee. I am no longer worthy to be called thy son. Make me as one of thy hired servants. How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare; and I perish with hunger. I will arise and go to my father and say: 'make me as one of thy hired servants'.

*Luke 15:17-18*

**PSALM 51:1-18**

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.

#### 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 celebrant prays the declaration of forgiveness, and the people respond Amen.*

*The people stand.*

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord 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 work of sharing God's love with the world.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sung in Latin.*

*Salvator mundi*

John Blow (1649-1708)

Savior of the world, save us, who by your cross and your blood has redeemed us; help us, we beseech you, our God.

*The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.*

### PRESENTATION HYMN - 524; STANZAS 1-2

*I love thy kingdom, Lord*

*St. Thomas (Williams)*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 our thanks and praise.

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

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung by all.*

*Holy, holy, holy*

*Mass 18*

Ho - ly, \_\_\_ ho - ly, \_\_\_ ho - ly \_\_\_ Lord, God \_\_\_ of  
power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. \_\_\_

*The celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's self-offering on the cross and prays over the bread and wine.*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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 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.**

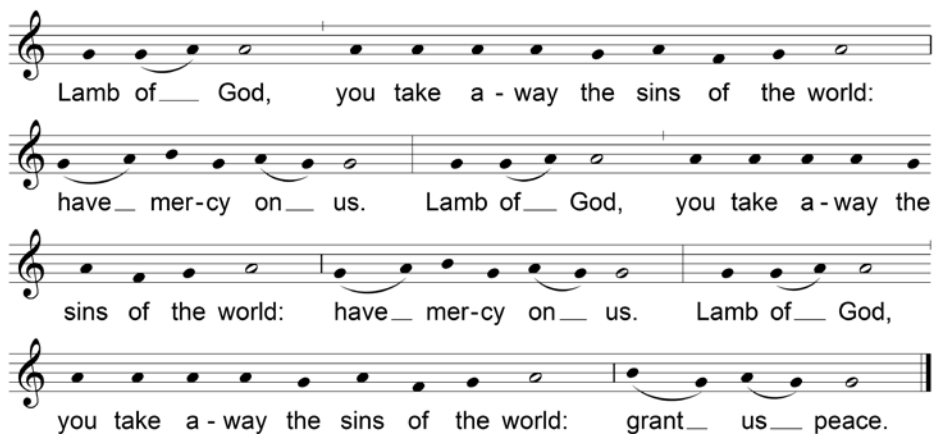
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

*Agnus Dei*

*Mass 18*



Lamb of \_\_\_ God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have \_\_\_ mer-cy on \_\_\_ us. Lamb of \_\_\_ God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have \_\_\_ mer-cy on \_\_\_ us. Lamb of \_\_\_ God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant \_\_\_ us \_\_\_ peace.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

### ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

*God so loved the world*

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through him might be saved.

*John 3:16*

### HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 312

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Strengthen for service, Lord*

*Malabar*

### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Said by all, standing or kneeling.*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*The celebrant prays this solemn prayer which, according to ancient custom, replaces the final blessing during Lent. The people respond with Amen.*

### CLOSING HYMN - 142

*Lord, who throughout these forty days*

*St. Flavian*

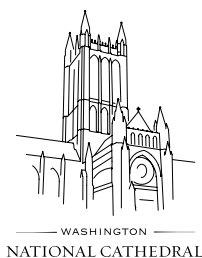
### THE DISMISSAL

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

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)



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