

Washington National Cathedral

Ash Wednesday

The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

March 5, 2014 • 6:30 pm

THE OPENING RITE

The people stand as the procession enters.

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE *The people sing their responses.*

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. Receive our prayer.

Have mercy on us.

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

Have mercy on us.

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



Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves. Receive our prayer.

We confess to you.

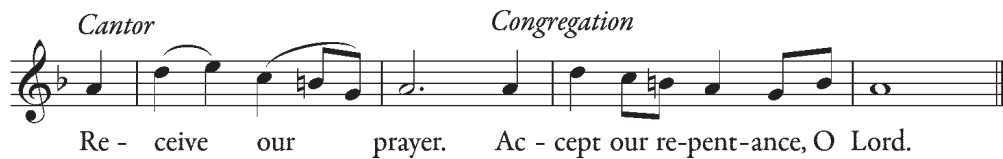
Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work. Receive our prayer.

We confess to you.

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

We confess to you.

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;



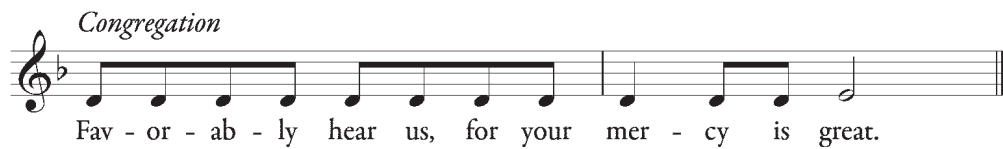
For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us. Receive our prayer.

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us. Receive our prayer.

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

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



Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,



By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,



KYRIE ELEISON



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 FOR 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 for the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

The lesson is read.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence follows the reading.

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

II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

The lesson is read.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence follows the reading.

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

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 Campbell

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 presider blesses the ashes. The people respond, Amen.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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

PSALM 51

Sung in Latin.

Miserere mei

Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

The people stand.

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

Eonia

John Tavener (1944-2013)

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

PRESENTATION HYMN

We gather at your table, Lord

The Eighth Tune

1. We gath - er at your ta - ble, Lord: we hum - bly lift our hearts to you.
2. We share this meal and we are fed. Such bas - ic gifts be - come your sign:
Here all are wel - comed, all re - stored, and all are giv - en work to do.
we see you bro - ken in the bread; we know your love in com - mon wine.

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 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:

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 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 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

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus Christ has taught us,

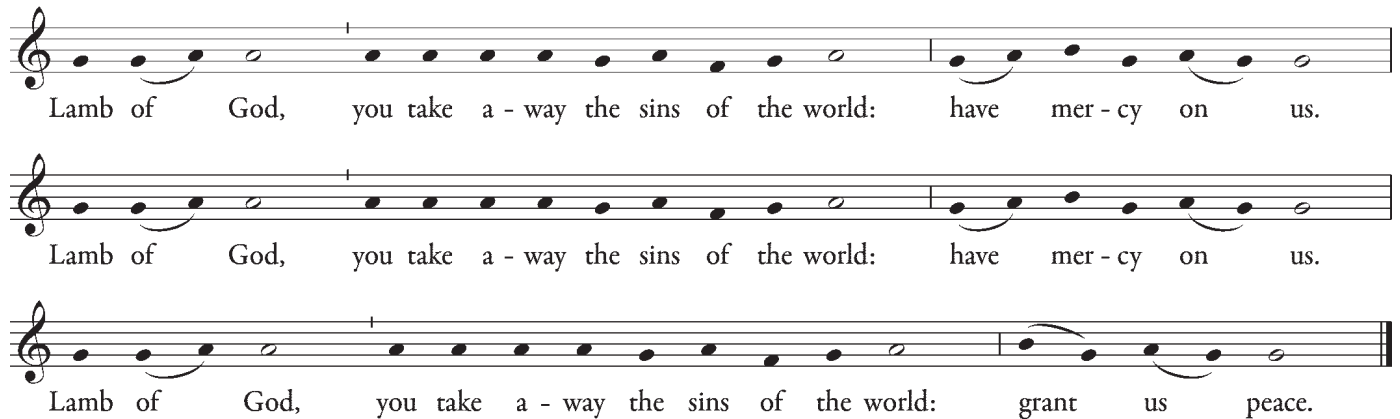
Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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



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

The people are seated.

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.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Laboravi in gemitu

Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

Laboravi in gemitu meo, lavabo lectum meum, lacrimis meis stratum meum rigabo.

I have grown weary because of my grieving; every night I wash my bed in my tears, my couch I drench with my weeping.

—Psalm 6

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, standing.

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

THE DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING HYMN - 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

All depart in silence.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

*The Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, presider
The Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, homilist
The Rev. Canon Kim Turner Baker, gospeller
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The Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls*

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