



Ash Wednesday

— Lent Begins

~February 14, 2024~

7 p.m.

Clergy

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St. James Anglican Church
Orillia, Ontario

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7 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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Music for hymns not in hymn book available at the back of the church

Organ Prelude "Adagio and Trio"

Jeff Perks

Processional Hymn 386 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Rockingham

Gathering Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *(period of silence)*

Almighty and holy God, your Son, in obedience to the Spirit, fasted forty days in the desert: give us grace to discipline ourselves, so that we may press on towards Easter with eager faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** *(Proper Working Group)*

The Proclamation of the Word

Epistle Corinthians 5: 20-6:10

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; 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 honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as imposters, 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.

Gospel Acclamation Hymn 634 "Jesus Remember Me"

Taize

Sung 3 times

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

Gospel *Matthew 6: 1-16, 16-21*

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, 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ
All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sung 3 times

(Period of Silence)

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Service of Ashes (BAS pg. 282)

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. Let us kneel or sit before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence for reflection.

Psalm 51: 1-13 (sitting/kneeling)

The Reverend Carol Hardie, Cantor



Cantor Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences. 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.

All **Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

Cantor 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.

All **Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

Cantor 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.

All **Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

Cantor 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.

All **Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

Litany of Penitence (Confession) pg. 283 (sitting/kneeling)

The celebrant and people say together,

All Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, 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 you with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All Have mercy on us, Lord.

Celebrant 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.

All Have mercy on us, Lord.

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

All We confess to you, Lord.

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

All We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All We confess to you, Lord.

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

All We confess to you, Lord.

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

All We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant 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,

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

All Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Blessing of Ashes (pg. 285)

Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward, and the ashes are applied to the forehead of each person with the following words.

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

After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling or sitting.

Celebrant Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.

All That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Celebrant By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord.

All Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Absolution (pg. 285)

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you for all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (pg. 192)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(All may exchange a sign of peace with a bow, a smile but please no physical contact)

Offertory Hymn "Be Still For The Presence"

Be Still

V1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

V2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned: How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

V3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place: He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace. No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Prayer Over Gifts

Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3 (pg. 198)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (CP 702)

Community Mass/ R. Proulx

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters, through
Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty
Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread #7 (pg. 213)

Celebrant We break this bread,

***All* Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei (745 CP)

B. Senchur

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Communion Hymn "There is a Redeemer"

Green

V1 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son, and leaving
Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

V2 Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, O for sinners slain. **Refrain.**

V3 When I stand in Glory, I will see His face, there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place. **Refrain**

Anthem "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"
The St. James' Choir

Stephen Casurella

Jesus, Savior; pilot me over life's tempestuous sea; unknown waves before
me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal. Chart and compass come from
Thee: Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild; boisterous
waves obey Thy will when Thou sayest to them "Be Still!" Wondrous Sover-
eign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore and the fearful breakers roar, 'twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on Thy breast; may I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Prayer After Communion

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.

All And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of you Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his rise life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

Recessional Hymn 431 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

Breslau

We leave in silence.

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The first day of Lent, six and a half weeks before Easter.

A general penance of the whole congregation is symbolized by the imposition of ashes, in token of mourning and penitence, upon the heads of the clergy and people. Ashes are a symbol of being sorry for things we have done wrong and want to get rid of forever. We want to show God we are sorry for the wrong things we have done in the past year. It is also a reminder to Christians that we all come from ashes and to ashes we all will return. The priest first burns the palms that have been kept from last year's Palm Sunday and then mixes the ashes with holy water (which has been blessed) to make a greyish paste. For Christians, the marking on the forehead with ash marks the commitment to Jesus Christ and God.

Devotion - Ash Wednesday

Christianity tells people to repent and promises them forgiveness. It therefore has nothing (as far as I know) to say to people who do not know they have done anything to repent of and who do not feel that they need any forgiveness. It is after you have realized that there is a real moral law, and a Power behind the law, and that you have broken that law and put yourself wrong with that Power - it is after all this, and not for a moment sooner that Christianity begins to talk. *C.S. Lewis*

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