



ASH WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026

THE EPISCOPAL PARISH CHURCH OF
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WELCOME

Welcome to Saint Clement's Church. If you are new or newish, please feel free to sign our guestbook in the back of the Church. Also, we won't ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything else embarrassing.

*If you are unfamiliar with the manner in which Episcopalians worship, not to worry: just relax and let the Liturgy and your senses carry you as it is celebrated. Commonly recited texts are found in the red **Book of Common Prayer** and hymns found in the blue **Hymnal 1982**. At the time of the administration of Holy Communion, all are welcome to receive regardless of religious affiliation if any. Saint Clements is an "Anglo-Catholic" parish so you might find the Liturgy a bit more elaborate than other Episcopal Churches.*

Optional Devotions for Mass are found in the pew rack in front of you to assist in centering before the Liturgy begins.

Restrooms are located downstairs on the far side of the Parish Hall to the right. Again, welcome.



WELCOME!

Welcome to Saint Clement's Church. We're glad you're here. Let us know you've been here. Just fill out this coupon and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by. Join us for Coffee Hour after the Liturgy

Please let us know whatever information you'd like us to have:

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

- " I'd like to meet/speak with the priest.
- " I'd like to sing in the choir.
- " I'd like to know more about being baptized.
- " I'd like to know more about what's going on in the Liturgy.



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MASS OF ASH WEDNESDAY

THE INTERCESSION BOOK *to which you're welcome to add your prayers in writing to be offered during Mass, is in the front at the Shrine of Our Lady of Africa*

The people rise and the ministers enter at the sound of bell.

The ministers enter in procession in silence.

Celebrant **Blessed** be the God of all consolation;

All **Who bears our burdens and forgives all our sins.**

The Celebrant offers the opening Collect

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the Lessons:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. *After the Lessons, a bell is rung. Silence is observed.*

Silence ends with the bell



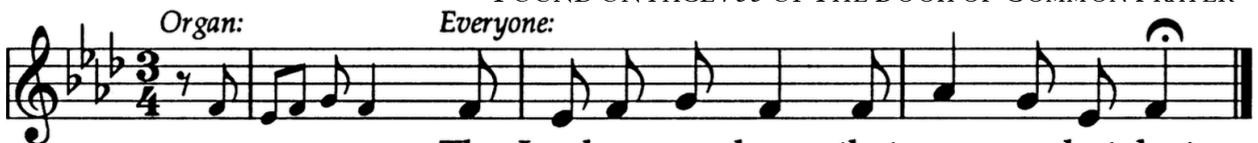
THE FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 103.8-13 *Misericordia Domini*

HALLOCK

FOUND ON PAGE 733 OF *THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER*



The Lord re-mem-bers that we are but dust.

SILENCE IS OBSERVED AFTER THE PSALM

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:1017

THE SEQUENCE

Hymnal 1940

1 Turn back, O man, for - swear thy fool - ish ways. Old now is
2 Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise. Age aft - er
3 Earth shall be fair, and all her peo - ple one: Nor till that

earth, and none may count her days, Yet thou, her child, whose
age their trag - ic em - pires rise, Built while they dream, and
hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, e - ven now, once

head is crowned with flame, Still wilt not hear thine in - ner
in that dream - ing weep: Would man but wake from out his
more from earth to sky Peals forth in joy man's old, un -

God pro - claim, "Turn back, O man, for - swear thy fool - ish ways."
haunt - ed sleep, Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise.
daunt - ed cry, "Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21



Holy Wisdom! Be attentive!

Lord, have mercy.

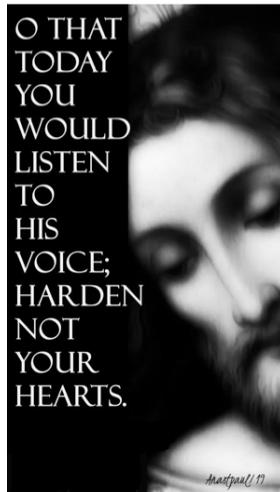
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel is proclaimed

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



THE SERMON

THE INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT *THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PAGE 264*



THE USE OF ASHES *in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy is a powerful biblical symbol of both repentance and grace. The placing of ashes in the form of a cross on the forehead of each of the faithful is a mark of human mortality and imperfection. Yet it is also the mark of a willingness to come in humility before God, to confess our imperfection, and to ask for forgiveness and new strength. This act of contrition also expresses faith in the grace of God who calls us to accountability for our sins, yet who also knows our human*

frailty and continually invites us an unconditional new beginning. It is this dimension of movement from the past to the future, the movement from imperfection to a new beginning, the movement from the old to the new that marks the beginning of the journey through Lent toward Easter.

THE BLESSING OF THE ASHES *THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PAGE 264*

Amen.

A MEDITATION ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASHES

The cross, with which the ashes are traced upon us, is the sign of Christ's victory over death. The words, "From dust you come and to dust you return" are not to be taken as a quasi-form of a kind of "sacrament of death," if such a thing were possible. It may be good Greek philosophy, but it is not Christian.

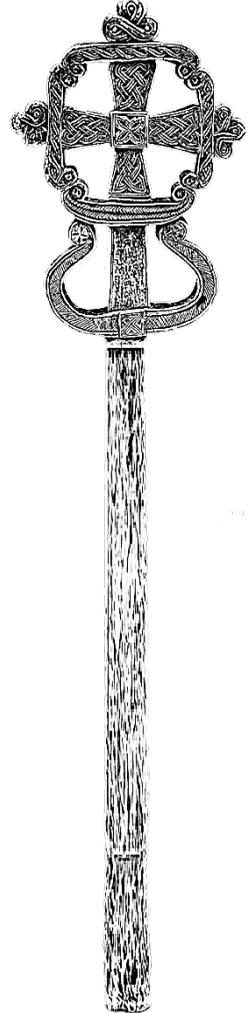
Thomas Merton, 20th Century Mystic



THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

To receive Ashes, come to the Altar as during the administration of Holy Communion and are welcome to either stand or kneel.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
**and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.**



16 Open my lips, O Lord, *

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *

but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

LITANY OF PENITENCE *on monotone*

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.

The Cantor continues the Litany. After each petition, the people respond

Sung

Lord, have mer-cy.

At the Conclusion

V. Restore us, O Lord,

R. Favorably hear us for thy mercy is great.

V. Accomplish in us the work of thy sal - vation.

R. that we may show forth thy glory in the world.

V. By thy holy cross and passion

R. bring us with all thy saints to the joy of thy res - ur - rection.

THE ABSOLUTIO Amen.





THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant. The people stand as Celebrant censes the Gifts. The Thurifer then censes the ministers and then the People symbolizing their role as concelebrants of the Eucharist.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 439 *What wondrous love*

Wondrous Love

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *Please stand as able*

Pray, Sisters and Brothers, that this our spiritual sacrifice, may be acceptable to God the Almighty.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice of our hands to the praise and glory of God's holy Name, for our good, and the good of the whole world.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayer **Amen.**

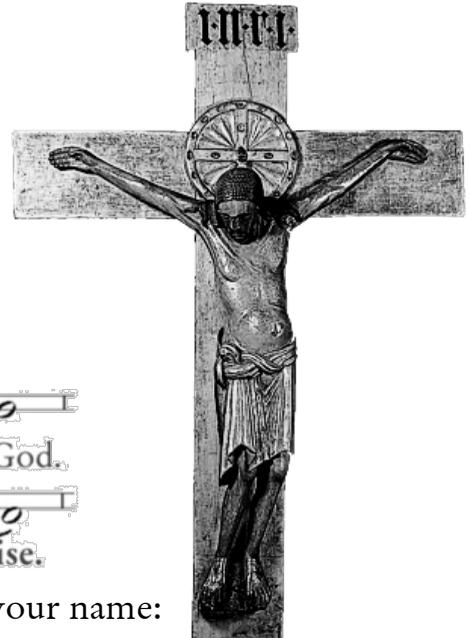


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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: THE CANON OF THE MASS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1, PAGE 361

The Lord be with you.
 And al-so 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.



It is right, and a good and joyful thing...glory of your name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

HURD

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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 continues giving thanks to God for the whole of Creation, the coming of Jesus and then consecrates the Bread and Wine to be the Body and Blood of Christ after which:

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died.

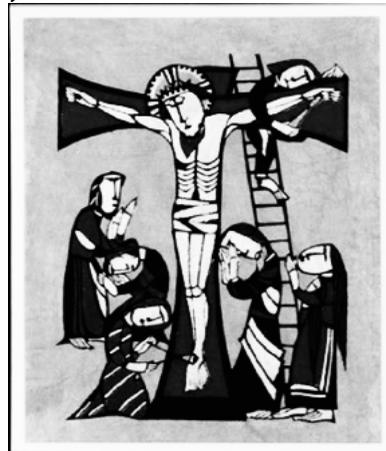
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues, asking the Holy Spirit to make this bread and wine the Body and Blood for us and then prays that we may join with all the Saints in God's eternal kingdom. At the conclusion, the People affirm their consent:



A - men.

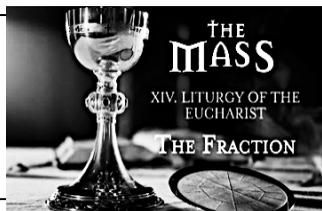


THE LORD'S PRAYER *Note the text modification which is closer to the Greek.*

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name,
thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in

hea- ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for- give us our tres-
 pass-es, as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us. And save us
 from the time of tri - al, but de- liv- er us from e- vil. For thine is the
 king- dom and the pow'r and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men



THE FRACTION: THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Consecrated Bread, the Body of Christ, is broken. Silence is observed. As the Bread is broken, be aware of the paradox that as we are broken for the sake of the world, so are we united together in the Eucharist and share that peace with one another.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 Therefore let us keep the feast.
 The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

Then, is sung THE FRACTION ANTHEM

HURD

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.

THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

At the Eucharist, we welcome everyone to the Lord's Table, regardless of religious affiliation, if any. Receive the Body of Christ in the open palm of the hand. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you wish, receive the Blood of Christ by drinking from the Chalice. Intinction: dipping your Bread into the Chalice is forbidden in this Diocese for health reasons. Holy Communion in one kind is receiving a full Communion



COMMUNION MUSIC

Create in me a Clean Heart, O God
Gwendolyn Emery-Owings

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

 THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PAGE 365

THE BLES✠SING *is omitted during Lent and Masses for the Dead. Instead,*

THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE *is offered.*

Amen.

HYMN 143

The Glory of these forty days

Erhalt uns, Herr

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God.

May the souls of all the faithful✠departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

And may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS
AT 10.30 AM IN PERSON OR
ON LIVESTREAM.



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Kriebel Memorial Concert: Choir and Organ
SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026 @ 4pm
All Welcome Free will offering

Join us this Friday, 21 February at 4:00pm, as the St Clements Music department will offer a concert featuring the music of John Kriebel, former St Clements Organmaster who died in March 2025. John wrote a number of pieces specifically for this choir and was very passionate about the new organ project. Please consider coming and showing support to the parish and remembering John. All proceeds will go toward the St Clements Organ Fund.



Invite your family and friends! Bring your check book!

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