



Ash Wednesday Service

February 17, 2021
12:00 pm

St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
La Jolla, California



Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

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Liturgy of the Word

Salutation & Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Second Epistle of Paul to the Church in Corinth

2 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.

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

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."

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

Homily

The Rev'd Dr. Mark Hargreaves

Invitation to a Holy Lent

Imposition of Ashes

Music during Imposition of Ashes

Miserere mei Deus, K85

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sung in Latin.

- 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.

Litany of Penitence

Officiant Most holy and merciful Father: 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.

People *Have mercy on us, Lord.*

Officiant 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.

People *Have mercy on us, Lord.*

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

People *We confess to you, Lord.*

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

People *We confess to you, Lord.*

Officiant Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
People We confess to you, Lord.

Officiant Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
People We confess to you, Lord.

Officiant Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
People We confess to you, Lord.

Officiant 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,
People Accept our repentance, Lord.

Officiant For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
People Accept our repentance, Lord.

Officiant For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
People Accept our repentance, Lord.

Officiant Holy Trinity, One God, accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life, especially for those blessings that our present circumstances make difficult to see,
People Hear us, O Lord of Life.

Officiant Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed, that they may find reconciliation and new beginnings,
People Hear us, O Lord of Life.

Officiant Help us to see and accept our own responsibility in the harm that has been done and for which we repent and seek forgiveness. Give us the wisdom to be a healthier and safer church. May we see that we all participate in this holy, hard and good work,
People Hear us, O Lord of Life.

Officiant Grant all who turn to you the courage to participate with you in restoring this broken world to wholeness, that everyone and everything may share in the hope of your kingdom,
People Hear us, O Lord of Life.

Officiant Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
People Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Officiant Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
People That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Officiant By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
People Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Absolution

The Blessing

Hymn 475: God himself is with us

Tysk

1. God him - self is with us; let us all a - dore him,
2. Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,
3. Thou per - vad - est all things: let thy rad - iant beau - ty
4. Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,
and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -
soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur -
light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der
be thine earth ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing
in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -
ren - der earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and
flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light
Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or
ly draw near him. Now his own who have known
sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone shalt be known
calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly
will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,
God, in wor - ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.
Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.
in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.
let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

The Dismissal

The Priest offers a dismissal and the people say in response:

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: Prelude in G Minor, BWV 558

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



Ash Wednesday (After the Carnival) by Carl Seitzwig



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Newcomers!

We're so glad you're here today. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, you're welcome at St. James by-the-Sea. Weekly we offer an on-line video worship service, with the necessary links available on our website. We will also be holding Sunday services outdoors with physical distancing to provide protection and safety while we gather to worship God together during the pandemic. Registration will be required and sign-up is available on our homepage. If you would like to learn more about St. James or be contacted by one of our clergy members, please introduce yourself by filling in a Visitor's Card available online on our website: sibts.org. Welcome!

Ash Wednesday—February 17th

This year we will be offering an in-person Ash Wednesday Eucharist service on the patio at 12pm—please register on the website. Also, there will be an Ash Wednesday video service available on line. Ashes will be available for distribution and self imposition on the Sunday prior, February 14th and at the in-person service on Ash Wednesday. Let us come together as we enter this holy and penitential season of Lent.

Lenten Prayer Invitation: Feb. 17 - Friday, April 2

Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

The church will be open for **individual prayer** during Lent. Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17 through Good Friday, April 2, you are welcome to come pray in the church. Volunteers will be in attendance to monitor safe practices. Masks and social distancing required.

89th Annual White Elephant Sale—"The Quarantine Edition", Friday, February 19th, 5:00-6:00 pm

This year the tradition continues virtually, with a goal of raising \$50,000 in support of the WES outreach grants. **DONATE** now either by sending a check into the church (made out to Women of St. James—WES in the memo) or with a credit card donation on our website. Then join the fun and **CELEBRATE** with us on February 19th, with A ZOOM TO REMEMBER. Photos and stories of WES's past will be shared. And there will be an exciting raffle drawing for all who have made a donation. Join the FUN! The link is available on our website or in our eblast.

"Keeping a Holy Lent" - Adult Formation Series, Sundays, Feb. 21 - March 21, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm on Zoom

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Feb. 21: Self examination

Feb. 28: Repentance (Penitence)

Mar. 7: Prayer and Meditating on God's Word

Mar. 14: Fasting/Almsgiving

Mar. 21: Self-Denial

All are invited to join together for this enriching series.

Indoor Worship - an update from Fr. Mark

We have recently received updated guidelines from our Bishop regarding in-person worship which takes account of recent developments. The Bishop gave permission for congregations to worship indoors, with certain constraints including a limit on capacity and there being no singing. The parish Task Force have considered these new guidelines and have decided that, for the foreseeable future, we will not make any changes to our pattern which continues to work well. Our outdoor services are now well established and much appreciated by those who attend. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful outside space to conduct our worship. It was not difficult to decide to stay outside for the 9.00 service, as we would rather be outside with our choir than inside without it (the state still does not allow any indoor singing). And following a straw poll of our 8.00 am congregants, which showed no strong desire to move inside, we have decided, for the time being, to keep the earlier service outside as well. To have one service inside and one service outside would involve much more work in the set-up. There will come a time when we do return to worshipping inside, but it is not clear as yet when that will be. The Task Force will review the situation again after Easter.

Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles—Next Session Feb. 24

The clergy of St. James invite you to join them in participating in a powerful curriculum by the Episcopal Church to discuss race and faith. In this 10-part series we will read materials and view videos online which could transform our hearts and enlighten us as fellow human beings. Each month, starting June 24, we will meet in "Dialogue Circles" to discuss what we have read and viewed on zoom. To sign up or learn more go to: <https://www.sjbts.org/sacred-ground-series.html>

Prayer Opportunities During COVID

If you would like to come to the church and use the chancel for private prayer during the week, please contact the church office to arrange a time for your visit. Our clergy are also available to you for prayer and pastoral care (by phone) by appointment. And, as always, we welcome your prayer requests for our weekly prayer chain with the Daughters of the King, parish prayer list, and/or clergy prayers, which may be shared with us by email, phone, or through our online prayer request form located on our website.

Special Request from St. Mark's Food Pantry

Due to some cancellations of their normal deliveries from food providers, St. Mark's Food Pantry has made a special ask for any canned vegetables to be donated at this time. St. James regularly delivers donations to St. Mark's—our thanks to Kay Scavulli for her spearheading this important ministry. Donations may be left at St. James in front of the office doors on the corner of Prospect St. and Eads Avenue.

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