



St. Francis
Episcopal Church

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22, 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
7:00 AM - 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM



St. Francis Episcopal Church is a loving community of faith that nurtures those who seek to follow Jesus Christ and to respond to God's call to ministry in the world. We are glad to have you with us today as we worship and invite you to participate by praying and singing throughout the service.

PRELUDE:

Benita McFarland, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sung by choir.

PROCESSIONAL

Kyrie S357

Kyrie eleison. Lord, Have Mercy.

Christe eleison. Christ, have Mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Lord, Have Mercy.

Please stand.

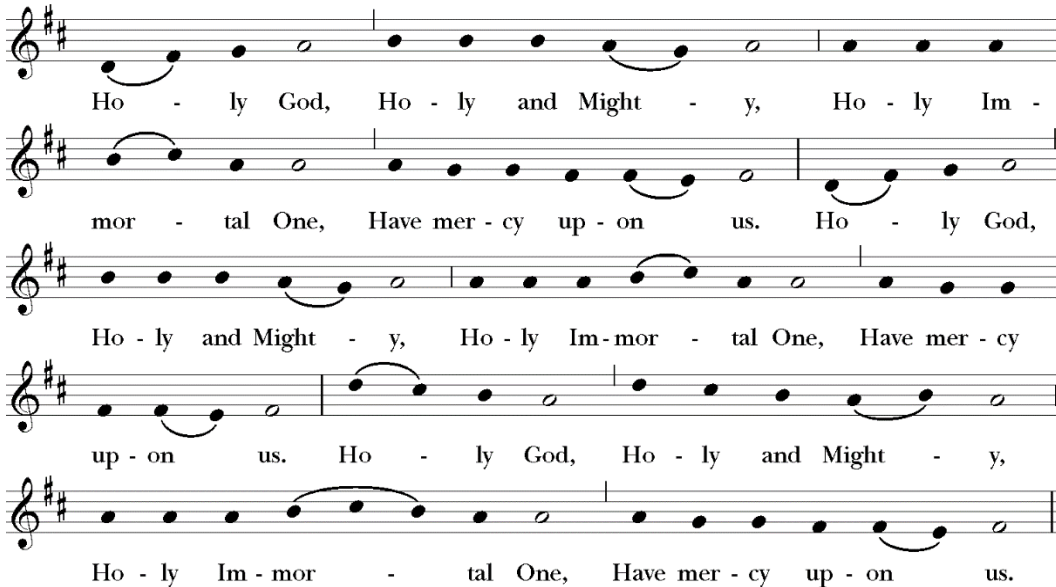
THE SALUTATION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, 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.**

Sung by all.

TRISAGION S100



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung by all

PSALM 103:8-14

tone vii



- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and / mercy, *
slow to anger and / of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always ac / cuse us, *
nor will he keep his an / ger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to / our sins, *
nor rewarded us according / to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above / the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon / those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from / the west, *
so far has he removed / our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his / children, *
so does the LORD care for / those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we / are made; *
he remembers that / we are but dust.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

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.

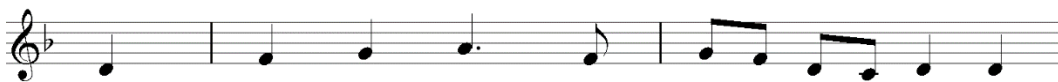
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People: Thanks be to God.

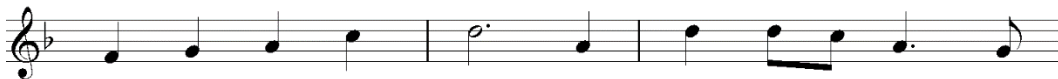
Please stand, sung by all.

GRADUAL HYMN 674

"Forgive our sins as we forgive"



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to



grant us grace to live the words we say,
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

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

People: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Matthew Addington

Please stand.

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

Celebrant: Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

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. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Please kneel in silence.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

7:00pm: After the choir comes forward to receive ashes, the congregation is invited to the altar for the imposition of ashes.

Please kneel.

PSALM 51

tone vii



- 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 trans- / gressions, *
and my sin is ev- / er 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 with- / in 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 spir- / it 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 boun- / tiful 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.

Please remain kneeling.

LITANY OF PENITENCE

- All:* 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.
- Celebrant:* 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.
- 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.
- People:* Have mercy on us, Lord.
- Celebrant:* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
- People:* We confess to you, Lord.
- Celebrant:* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
- People:* We confess to you, Lord.
- Celebrant:* Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
- People:* We confess to you, Lord.
- Celebrant:* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
- People:* We confess to you, Lord.
- Celebrant:* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
- People:* 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,
- People:* Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: 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.

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

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

People: Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Celebrant: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Out of the Depths

Richard Frost
Psalm 130:1-5
Violin: Jane York

Out of the depths have I cried unto you. Lord, hear my voice.
Lord, let your ear be attentive to my cry; Lord, hear my cry for mercy.
If you, O Lord, kept a record of sin, who, then, could stand?
But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness. Therefore, you may be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in his word do I hope.

Please stand.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the Celebrant and the People, respectively. The third and fourth staves are for the Celebrant and the People, respectively. The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heaven 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.

Please kneel.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B CONTINUES

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Celebrant: ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory...

Celebrant: ...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.

All: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant: And now, as our Savior 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, and
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Sung by all.

AGNUS DEI

Organ

Congregation



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, grant__ us peace._____

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Benita McFarland, organ

Please kneel.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand, sung by all.

HYMN 143

The glory of these forty days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

THE DISMISSAL

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Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Benita McFarland, organ

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2023 LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS

ASH WEDNESDAY: **FEBRUARY 22ND**

7:00am Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, No Music
9:30am Day School Chapel Imposition of Ashes - Congregation is invited.
12:00pm Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, Music
7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, Sr. Choir

SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION: **RED ROOM**

9:10 – Deacon Joe February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26
11:15 – Fr. Matt February 26, March 12, 19, 26, April 2

FAITH FRIDAYS: **ONLINE**

Posted each Friday on Facebook and YouTube

PALM SUNDAY: **APRIL 2ND**

10:00am Blessing of Palms with Procession, Holy Eucharist, and Passion Narrative,
(nursery available)

MAUNDY THURSDAY: **APRIL 6TH**

7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY: **APRIL 7TH**

12:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER: **APRIL 8TH**

7:00pm Lighting the Great Fire with Holy Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY: **APRIL 9TH**

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Holy Eucharist with Flowering of Cross, nursery available
11:30am Easter Egg Extravaganza

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