



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

Wednesday February 22, 2023 Noon and Seven o'clock in the evening

All stand at the chiming of the hour

THE SALUTATION

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The people standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise 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 brokenness, 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.**


THE LESSONS, *the people sit*

A Reading from the Book of Joel

[2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17]

The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited

Refrain

Mode 2 

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

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

[5: 20b – 6: 10]

Hymn 439 (St. 1 & 2)

What wondrous love is this

WONDROUS LOVE

The Holy Gospel

[Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 – 21]

THE HOMILY

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, Bishop of Iowa

Silence may be kept

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

All stand; the Celebrant then says

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.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Celebrant then says

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 we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

If you desire ashes, please move forward.

Psalm 51 is read, and the ashes are imposed with the following words

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

LITANY OF PENITENCE

All kneel

Celebrant and People

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 for 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: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

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

The Priest stands and, facing the people, says

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 PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn 474 *When I survey the wondrous cross* ROCKINGHAM

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus *(in the front section of the Hymnal)* S124
In unison

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP page 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem *(in the front section of the Hymnal)* S160

All who seek a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail or by remaining in your place and indicating to an usher that you would like to receive. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and feel drawn to receive Holy Communion, please speak with a priest about baptism after the service.

Hymn 313*Let thy Blood in mercy poured* JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT*After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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THE PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE*The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon the Celebrant says**Deacon* Let us bow down before the Lord.*The people kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer:*

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.**

Hymn 142*Lord, who throughout these forty days*

ST. FLAVIAN

DISMISSAL*All depart in silence.*

Announcements for February 22, 2023

ST. PAUL'S LENTEN SERIES Spirituality of Aging, Important Legal Documents, and Burial Planning

Join us for a three part Lenten Series focusing on the spirituality of aging, important legal documents to consider as you age and burial planning in the Episcopal Church. This series is hosted by the Clergy staff of St. Paul's and will held both in person and on Zoom. The in-person sessions will take place from 10:00 to 11:30 am on three consecutive Saturday mornings and the ZOOM sessions will repeat the same content on three consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Attend which ever suits your interests and your schedule.

- *The Spirituality of Aging: led by Deacon John Doherty*
In person on Saturday March 11. Online on Wednesday March 8
- *Important Legal Documents to Consider as You Age: led by Deacon Jean Davis*
In person on Saturday March 18. Online on Wednesday March 15
- *Burial Service Planning in the Episcopal Church: led by Acting Dean Nicola Bowler*
In person on Saturday March 25. Online on Wednesday March 22.

**More information about all our activities can be found on our website:
www.stpaulsdm.org**

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Leaders

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot	<i>Bishop of The Diocese of Iowa</i>
The Rev. Nicola Bowler	<i>Acting Dean of The Cathedral</i>
The Rev. Jean McCarthy	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev. Kenneth B. Messer	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev. Michael Monnot	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev. Jean Davis	<i>Deacon</i>
The Rev. John Doherty	<i>Deacon</i>
Canon Mark Babcock	<i>Organist/Choirmaster</i>

Today's Liturgical Ministers

Noon

1st lesson – Jolene Phelps
Cantor – Lexie Thiessen
2nd lesson – Ro Ruth-Bany
Eucharistic Minister – Mike
McCarthy, Scott Jeneary
Video – Nathan Thiessen
Audio System – Tim Hird
Ushers – Mike Bany, John Zickefoose

Seven o'clock p.m.

Crucifer – Eleanor Whipple
Thurifer – Alex Kane
Boat-bearer –
Torch-bearers – Volunteers requested
1st lesson – Scott Jeneary
Cantor – Lexie Thiessen
2nd lesson – Peggy Aerisolphal
Eucharistic Minister – Anna Whipple,
volunteer requested
Video – Nathan Thiessen
Audio System – Harold Alexander
Ushers – Cheryl & Rick Stearns