

# Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018, 12:10 & 7pm

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.



## The Word of God

*Prelude: Deck Thyself, my Soul, with Gladness*

*Johannes Brahms*

*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*

The Processional Hymn

**What Wondrous Love**

**Hymnal #439**

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you love everything 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 weaknesses, 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.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson Joel 2:1-2,12-17

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Joel

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near —  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
nor will be again after them  
in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.  
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
gather the people.  
Sanctify the congregation;  
assemble the aged;  
gather the children,  
even infants at the breast.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
a byword among the nations.  
Why should it be said among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?'"

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Celebrant:** The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

**Deacon:** The Rev. Peter Huang

**Preacher at 12:10:** The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

**Preacher at 7:00:** The Rt. Rev. Diane Bruce, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles

Please remain seated, and join in singing,

### The Response

### Psalm 103

Marty Haugen

The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful. \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 103 paraphrased by Marty Haugen. Music by Marty Haugen. Used by permission.

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all my being bless his name; bless the Lord, and forget not his benefits.*

*He pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows, redeems your life from destruction, and crowns you with his kindness.*

*Merciful, merciful and gracious is our God; slow to anger, abounding in kindness.*

### The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A Reading from Paul’s second letter 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Please STAND as able and join in singing,

### Gospel Procession

### Step by Step

Beaker

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you.— O God, you are my God, and  
 8 I will ev-er praise you.— I will seek you in the morn - ing,— I will learn to walk in your  
 13 ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and step by step you'll lead \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

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*Please remain standing for,*  
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.**

*As the Procession returns please join in singing 'Step by Step'.*

*Please be seated for,*

† The Sermon

12:10: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

7:00: The Rt. Rev. Diane Bruce, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please STAND as able for,*

The Invitation to a Holy Lent

Celebrant

Dear People of God: The Holy Scriptures tell us of God's Loving purpose in creation: to raise up a holy people worthy of eternal life. Because we have fallen far away from that purpose, God has worked patiently to draw us back sending prophets and teachers to warn and to guide us and coming at last into this world in Jesus and sharing our human life and death so that we might know the full extent and power of God's love and forgiveness. In the waters of Baptism and by the power of the Holy Spirit, God has called men and women of every time and place into the Church, the body of Christ, to offer worship and praise, to bear witness to God's love, and to work with God for the healing of the nations.

Yet we continue to fall short of the holiness for which we were made and to turn aside to our own purposes, weakening our witness and failing to fulfill the ministries to which we are called.

We stand in constant need of the forgiveness that Jesus proclaimed and which he commissioned the disciples to offer. Therefore from very early times, the Church has set aside the season of Lent as a time when God's people are called to repent their sins and to renew the promises made at their baptism. It is a time when we are called to examine our way of life, to put aside all luxuries and self-indulgence, and to live a life of greater discipline, centered again on our Baptismal covenant of faith and witness and our commitment to seek justice and peace for all people. 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, self-denial, and service; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of this season of renewal, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

All KNEEL as able.

## Silent Prayer

Please remain kneeling for

### The Blessing and Imposition of the 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.**

Please come forward as the usher directs to kneel or stand at the altar rail. If you wish to have ashes imposed while you are seated in your pew, please alert an usher. The ministers will impose ashes upon your forehead saying,

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

During the Imposition of the ashes, please join in singing,

Sign Us with Ashes

William P Rowan, 2003

Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God, child-ren of dust, as to dust we re - turn.

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Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God. Mark us and make us your own. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Surely, you alone can save us. You pay our price with precious blood.  
Reaching through your great compassion, you lift up your people with love.*

*Surely, you alone uphold us. You give us strength for all our needs.  
Shielding with a father's favor, you bless us with pardon and peace.*

*Surely, you alone can heal us. Yours is the will to make us whole.  
Soothing with a mother's kindness, the contrite of heart you console.*

*Surely, you alone can free us. You break the bonds of guilt and sin.  
Bracing, 'til we walk uprightly, you bolster our hope once again.*

*Surely, you alone refine us.  
You give us grace for lives made new, forging, through your fire and radiance, a sacrifice worthy for you.*



## Psalm 51

Turn Thy Face from My Sins

Thomas Attwood

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

*Please KNEEL as able for,*  
The Litany of Penitence

**All** 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.

Deacon 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.

Deacon 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.

Deacon We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,  
**People** We confess to you, Lord.

Deacon Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,  
**People** We confess to you, Lord.

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

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

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

Deacon 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.

Deacon 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.

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

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

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

Deacon 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 waywardness to a life of abundance, 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, Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you 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.**

*Please STAND for*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley

Lead me, Lord; lead me in thy righteousness. Make thy way straight before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou O Lord, only that makest me to dwell in safety.  
Teach me, Lord, teach me of thy righteousness...  
Keep me, Lord, keep me in thy righteousness...

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

Offertory Hymn

If Thou but Trust In God to Guide Thee

Georg Neumark

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,  
he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee, and bear thee through the e - vil days.  
Who trusts in God's un - chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.

Words and Music by Georg Neumark (1621-1681) Hymn #635 in Hymnal 1982

Please STAND as able,

The Great Thanksgiving

From the Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant/Bishop	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant/Bishop	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People</b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Celebrant/Bishop	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People</b>	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>

Celebrant/Bishop

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

S #130

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly  
Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant or Bishop continues, the People joining in reading the parts in bold.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

✠ **Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

Celebrant/Bishop And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say **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 *The Celebrant or Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.*  
Fraction Anthem

S #164

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
of our sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -  
deem - er of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread\* in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.**

\*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

### Communion Anthem

*O for a Closer Walk*

C V Stanford

*O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!*

*Return, O holy Dove, return! sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.*

*Please kneel or stand for*

### The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant/Bishop Let us pray.

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

*Remain kneeling or standing for*

### The Blessing

Celebrant/Bishop May Christ give you grace in this holy season to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

**People Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,*

### The Recessional Hymn

**Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

**Hymnal #142**

*Postlude: Aus tiefer Not schrei' ich zu dir (Out of the depth I cry unto Thee)*

*Max Reger*

