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## Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

**Ash Wednesday, Evening**

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Welcome to Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd! We're delighted to worship God with you this morning. Everything you need for worship is here in these pages and in the Bible in the pew. If you're visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card from the rack in front of you or call the parish office (723-8032). At Good Shepherd, you'll find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. Welcome!

# Holy Eucharist - Rite II

## Ash Wednesday, Evening

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

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. In this manner, 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 that all Christians continually have to renew our 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 alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

*The Celebrant and people kneel. A period of silent prayer follows.*

*Celebrant* 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.*

## The Lessons

### Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

<sup>1</sup> "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when 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.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 103:8-14**

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

### **2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10**

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup> Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup> We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup> by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> through honor and dishonor,

through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*                **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

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

*People*                **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

**Matthew 6:1-6**

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Matthew Kennedy

## **Imposition of Ashes**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth: bless these ashes, we pray, that they may be for us a symbol of our mortality and a sign of our penitence, that we may remember that it is by your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*Then ashes are imposed with the following words*

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

## **Psalm 51**

*All kneel.*

- 1        Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness; \*  
          according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away my offences.
- 2        Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness \*  
          and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3        For I acknowledge my faults, \*  
          and my sin is ever before me.
- 4        Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight, \*  
          so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in your judgment.
- 5        Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, \*  
          and in sin my mother conceived me.

6 But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts \*  
and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.  
7 You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \*  
you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
8 You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.  
9 Turn your face from my sins, \*  
and blot out all my misdeeds.  
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
11 Cast me not away from your presence, \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
12 O give me the comfort of your help again, \*  
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.  
13 Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return unto you.  
14 Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.  
15 O Lord, open my lips, \*  
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.  
16 For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would give it to you; \*  
but you delight not in burnt-offerings.  
17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.  
18 O be favorable and gracious unto Zion; \*  
may you build up the walls of Jerusalem.  
19 Then you shall be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings  
and oblations; \*  
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

## **Confession and Litany of Penitence**

*The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling*

**M**ost 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.

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.

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us:  
*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

*The Celebrant alone continues, and the people respond*

For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives;  
Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves;  
Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

For our unrighteous anger, bitterness and resentment;  
Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call.

Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty;  
Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People* **For we have sinned against you.**

For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts and actions toward our neighbors;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People*            **For we have sinned against you.**

For our negligence in prayer and worship, for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People*            **For we have sinned against you.**

For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People*            **For we have sinned against you.**

For our failure to commend the faith that is in us;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

*People*            **For we have sinned against you.**

*The Celebrant and people then pray*

Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Absolution**

*The Priest stands and, facing the people, says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He now pardons and absolves all who truly repent and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Comfortable Words**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2*

# The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Then the Celebrants and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

# The Offertory

## *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

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D Dmaj<sup>7</sup>/F# G A G/B A/C# D D/F# A D/F# G A G/B A/C#



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing  
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may Your joy be seen in all I  
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

4 D G/D A/D D Dmaj<sup>7</sup>/F# G A G/B A/C# D D/F# A D/F#



soul. \_\_\_\_\_ Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -  
do. \_\_\_\_\_ Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each  
made, \_\_\_\_\_ show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your

7 G A G/B A/C# D G A Bm D/F# G D/F# A



-new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come a - live in me;  
thought and deed and at - ti - tude. Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,  
church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;

11 Bm A/C# D D/F# Em D A Bm Dmaj<sup>7</sup>/F# G A G/B A/C#



Give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your  
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to  
Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the



D D/F# A D/F# G A G/B A/C# D



pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.  
works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.  
face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

## The Presentation of the Gifts

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee O Lord

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is just and right so to do.**

*Then, facing the Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus

*The people remain standing and say*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna in the Highest.

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues*

All praise and glory is yours, God our heavenly Father, because of your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

And now, O merciful Father; in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

*Celebrant and People say together*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading that all those who shall partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that, by the Holy Spirit, we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

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 forever. **Amen.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The people remain kneeling, and say*

**O**ur 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Fraction**

*The people remain kneeling and say*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

*Celebrant and people say together*

**W**e do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

## **The Invitation**

*Celebrant*

**T**he 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.

## **The Communion of the People**

*All Christians baptized in any denomination are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a Christian and are unbaptized, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the bread and wine to you in your pew.*

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*The people kneel. Celebrant and People*

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart:  
that desiring you, we may seek you;  
and that seeking you, we may find you;  
and that finding you, we may love you;  
and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Blessing

*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever and ever. *Amen.*

## Hymn in Recession

### *What Wondrous Love is This*

*The people stand, if able, and sing*

*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and  
won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll  
caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing  
soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*      Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for worshipping at Anglican Church of The Good Shepherd this morning!*

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