

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2020
3:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Silent Procession

Priest: Blessed be the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day (*said in unison*) BCP 217

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

(silence)

Psalm 103 (*said in unison*) BCP 733

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 *Response: Thanks be to God.*

(silence)

Sequence Hymn: *If thou but trust in God to guide thee* Hymn 635

Announcement of the Gospel: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

After the Gospel: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon The Rev. Ernestein C. Flemister

(silence)

The Invitation to a Holy Lent BCP 264

Psalm 51 (*said in unison*) BCP 266

The Litany of Penance BCP 267

The Peace (Large Print page 98)

The Offertory

Offertory Music

Doxology (said in unison) updated words:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise **God**, all creatures here below,

Praise **God** above ye heavenly host,

Praise triune God, whom we adore.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333

Sanctus (*said in unison*) BCP 334

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*) (Lg. Print page 110) BCP 336

(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward to the rail and cross your arms for a blessing. If kneeling is difficult please feel free to stand. If you would like communion brought to your seat please notify an usher for assistance.)

Communion Hymn: *In Remembrance of Me* LEVAS 149

Announcements

Post-communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing

Silent Recession

WEDNESDAY, February 17

Ash Wednesday

3:00 Ash Wednesday service – Please welcome today our guest

Organist, Fay Manes.

5:30 Chancel Choir

7:00 Handbell Choir

SUNDAY, February 21

The First Sunday in Lent

9:00 Holy Eucharist

3:00 Evening Prayer with Bishop Diana Akiyama

MONDAY, February 22

Washington's Birthday

9:00 Needle & Thread

6:30 Daughters of the King

TUESDAY, February 23

11-1 St. Anne's Food Box

WEDNESDAY, February 24

5:30 Chancel Choir

7:00 Handbell Choir

SATURDAY, February 27

10-12 Rose Garden maintenance with the Gardening Angels

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

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?” ’

Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and all that is within me,
 bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
 who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
 who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

The LORD works vindication
 and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
 his acts to the people of Israel.
The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
 nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
 so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,

so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.
Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.
Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; 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, labours, 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 honour and dishonour, 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.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

'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.