

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*On this day the service begins in silent procession.
Please stand as the ministers enter the church.*

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect

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.*

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,

Psalm 103:8-14: *benedic, anima mea*

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.**
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

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?"

**6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]

**8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger 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.**

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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.

Sequence Hymn (6:15 p.m.) *Eternal Lord of Love* Hymnal 149

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

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."

The Sermon *The Rev. James B. Stutler D. Min.*

The Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

After the Invitation, all kneel in silence.

The Blessing of the Ashes

The Imposition of Ashes

All those who wish to receive the imposition of ashes are now invited forward to the altar.

After the Imposition the following psalm is recited together.

Psalm 51: *miserere mei, Deus*

- 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 transgressions, *
and my sin is ever 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 within 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 spirit 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 bountiful 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.

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

Litany of Penitence

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

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.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

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

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

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,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

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

The Absolution

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation

Hymn at 6:15 pm *Wilt Thou Forgive* Hymnal 141

Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer I

The Book of Common Prayer 333

The Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy (*said together, standing*)
The Prayer of Consecration BCP 334

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread:

Fraction Anthem

at 6:15 pm *Agnus Dei (Sung)* Hymnal S157

Prayer of Humble Access

The Invitation and Administration

Post Communion Hymn at 6:15 pm *Lord who Throughout These Forty Days*

Hymnal 142

The Postcommunion Prayer (*kneeling*)

BCP 339

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Recessional Hymn at 6:15pm

Hymnal 142

The Dismissal

Response: "Thanks be to God."

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion

Observing A Holy Lent

The 1st Sunday in Lent, February 22

Wednesday Holy Eucharist in Lent

6:15pm

The Daughter's of the King Lenten Quiet Day

"More on the Joy of Lent"

March 14, 9:00am—2:00pm

Holy Week, March 29—April 4

Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion, March 29

Every weekday in Holy Week begins with Morning Prayer at 9am

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1: Tenebrae at 6:15pm

Maundy Thursday, April 2: The Liturgy of the Day at 7pm

The Morning Watch follows until midnight.

Good Friday, April 3:

The Three Hours from 12:00 to 3:00pm

The Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm

The Liturgy of the Day at 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

The Liturgy of the Day at 9am

Easter Sunday, April 5, 7:30 am, 9:00am & 11:00am

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Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting for the first time, let us know you are here by filling out a visitor's card and ask an usher about a gift we have for you in the narthex (foyer).

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Regular Sunday Services // 9:00am Contemporary // 11:00am Traditional

First Sunday each Month // 10:00am Combined Service

MONDAY

Al-Anon // 12:00pm

TUESDAY

Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30am

Bible Study: *The Way* // 1:00pm

Alcoholics Anonymous // 8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am

Women's AA // 12:00pm

Rector's Bible Study // 12:00pm (Zoom)

Holy Eucharist Service // 6:15pm

Bible Study & EYC // 7:00pm

(1st and 3rd weeks)

THURSDAY

Grief Support Group // 10:30am

Path to Shine // 2:00pm

Al-Anon // 7:00pm

Alateen // 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am

Service @ the Arbor // 10:30am

Women's AA // 12:00pm

Centering Prayer // 12:30pm

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
Come let us adore him.**

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