

**Saint Paul's Episcopal
Church
Canton, Ohio**



**February 14, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

Holy Eucharist Rite II

NO PRELUDE**SILENT PROCESSION****SALUTATION**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

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 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.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of
evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103:8-14 (Read in Unison)

Remain seated.

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

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

¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

¹²As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

¹³As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

¹⁴For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For 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! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: “A Song of Penitence” (Canticle 14) (Burdick) (WLP 888)

All stand.

1. Al - might - y Lord Most High draw near whose awe - some
2. How mea - sure - less your mer - cies stand, the hope and
3. From such a heart we bend the knee and all our
4. So lift on high the Sav - ior's praise with all the

splen - dor none can bear; e - ter - nal God, in mer - cy hear,
pledge of sins for - given; those sins, un - num - bered as the sand,
sin and shame con - fess. Lord, your un - worth - y serv - ants see,
hosts of heaven a - bove, and sing through ev - er - last - ing days

re - ceive once more the sin - ner's prayer; u - pon your
that hide the ver - y stars of heaven; O God of
and clothe us round with right - eous - ness; that loved and
the God of glor - y grace and love. The Lord of

word of grace we call whose word of pow - er has or - dered all.
grace, to us im - part a pen - i - tent and con - trite heart.
par - doned, healed and blest, we taste your mer - cies man - i - fest.
all let us a - dore, for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ¹“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.

²“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. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“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. ⁶But 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.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE MEDITATION: Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

LENTEN INVITATION

After the Sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant or Minister appointed invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying,

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.

Please sit, stand, or kneel as you prefer for silent reflection.

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

If ashes are to be imposed, the Celebrant says the following prayer:

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.

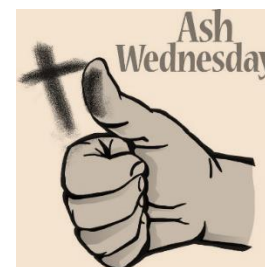
IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Ashes are imposed with the following words:

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

Psalm 51

The Celebrant and People then say



- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ²Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- ⁵And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- ⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- ⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- ⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ¹⁰Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹²Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- ¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- ¹⁴I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- ¹⁵Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁶Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- ¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Standing or kneeling as you prefer. The Celebrant and People together say,

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.

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.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

Celebrant

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

We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant

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

We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant

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

We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant

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

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,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant 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.

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

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

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

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

The Priest stands and 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 day we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
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 right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

SANCTUS (Said) 

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.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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,

forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (Said)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together,

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying,

Bow down before the Lord. *(All are invited to kneel)*

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.

SILENT RECESSION

NO POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Lector:	M.L. Schultze
Eucharistic Minister:	Douglas Colmery
Crucifer:	Douglas Colmery
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Barbara Anderson, Shirley Brown
Torchbearers:	Karl Roshong, Cara Warren