



Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist

March 2, 2022, 7:30 pm

A PARISH OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

The Right Reverend John Stephens, Bishop

The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector

Welcome!

*We're glad
you're here!*

We are happy and honoured that you've joined us online this evening—whether in-person or online via Facebook and the parish website. If you need a place to take a break with your child, a nursery area is available. Washrooms are available on the main level of the church. Please ask a sidesperson or your neighbour if you have questions or need assistance.

The people gather in silence. The clergy and choir enter in silence.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everlasting God, you despise 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 brokenness, 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

Shout 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. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "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. Look, 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. Is 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? Is 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? Is 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? Then 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. Then 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, if 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. The 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. Your 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. *NRSV*

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 9-16, 19-24

Refrain

My times are in your hands. You strength-en me in strife.

My times are in your hands. You strength-en me

My hope is in your Word. Your love pre-serves my life.

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Refrain

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

² Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth. *Refrain*

- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. *Refrain*
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
 I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Let your face shine upon your servant;
 save me in your steadfast love." *Refrain*
- 19 How great is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear you;
 which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.
- 20 You hide them in the protection of your presence from those who slander them;
 you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.
- 21 Blessed are you, O LORD!
 for you have shown me the wonders of your love when I was under siege.
- 22 I said in my alarm, "I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes."
 Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my plea when I cried out to you.
- 23 Love the LORD, all you saints;
 the LORD protects the faithful, but repays in full those who act haughtily.
- 24 Be strong and let your heart take courage,
 all you who wait for the LORD. *Refrain*

Tone

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Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2 (3-10)

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, 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn CP 175 – "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Holy Gospel 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon *The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector*

Address for Ash Wednesday

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian
Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for
this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We
begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance,

and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole. I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

Let us kneel [*or assume whichever posture is most reflective and prayerful*] before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence is then kept for reflection.

Psalm 51 – “O God, Be Gracious to Me in Your Love”

PSALM 51

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O God, be gracious to me in your love,
and in your mercy pardon my misdeeds;
wash me from guilt and cleanse me from my sin,
for well I know the evil I have done.

Against you, Lord, you only have I sinned,
and what to you is hateful have I done;
I own your righteousness in charging me,
I know you to be just should you condemn.

Take hyssop, sprinkle me and make me clean,
wash me and make me whiter than the snow;
fill me with gladness and rejoicing, Lord,
and let my broken frame know joy once more.

Turn now your face, Lord God, from my misdeeds,
and blot out all the sins that sully me;
create a clean and contrite heart in me,
renew my soul in faithfulness and love.

Drive me not from your presence, gracious Lord,
nor keep your Holy Spirit far from me;
restore my soul with your salvation's joy,
and with a willing spirit strengthen me.

Litany of Penitence

- All* **Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, 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.**
- Celebrant* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
- People* **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.
- People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- Celebrant* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
- People* **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
- People* **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant* Our anger at our own frustration,
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
- People* **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
- People* **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant* Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
- People* **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,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our
neighbours,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

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

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Blessing of the Ashes

Celebrant Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us.
May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence,
and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal
life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

*Those who desire to receive ashes may come forward and stand at the front chancel step.
Ashes are applied to the forehead of each person with the following words:*

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

*After all those who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation
in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling, sitting, or standing as they are able.*

Celebrant Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

People **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Celebrant By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

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

The Absolution

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace *is exchanged.*

Offertory Hymn CP 171 – “What Does the Lord Require”

Prayer over the Gifts

All **Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and

honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

With this bread and this cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

All **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,
All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Some helps regarding Communion at St. Philip's during COVID-19:

- *Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward for Communion;*
- *the bread, the body of Christ, is offered at this time so that we all can more safely celebrate the Eucharist together; temporarily, the priest receives the wine, Christ's blood, from the chalice, on behalf of God's people;*
- *hand sanitizer should be used before communing and is available as you come forward;*
- *please commune individually or in your cohort group to ensure safer physical distancing.*

The Distribution *proceeds in quiet.*

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Sending and Benediction

Celebrant In the footsteps of centuries of pilgrims,
go now to embark on your Lenten journey.

Consider how you may simplify your days,
so that you may travel lightly.

Be alert to all that could side-track you:
notice that which beckons alluringly,
or with apparently greater urgency,
than the pilgrim journey Christ invites.

Do not try to cover
more than one good day's journey at a time.

Know when to stop for food and sleep,
so that the journey will not be too great for you.

Walk humbly, knowing that the goal
is not recognition, achievement or reward,
but simply to have come to know Christ
and yourself more intimately.

Be on the lookout for other pilgrims,

caring for those who limp, or fall;
those who cannot see the way forward:
pilgrimage is richer in community.

Go now: place your hand
into the outstretched hand of Jesus Christ,
allow the words of the story to guide you,
and pray for purity of heart and mind.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

The service is ended.

The chancel party and the people exit the church in silence.

*Created from dust,
held together by God's
extravagant love,
we turn away from sin,
and leave today
embracing God's love.*



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