

Welcome to the Anglican Parish
of St. Philip by-the-Sea



Ash Wednesday

Journeying together in God's love"

7113 Lantzville Road,
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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026
7:00 p.m.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE
With imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn:

CP #615 *Just As I Am (Verses 1, 4 and 5)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The Old Testament Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah *(Ch. 58:1-9a)*

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 practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

“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. 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 straps 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.”

Psalm 103:8-18

Refrain: The Lord remembers that we are but dust.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever. **R.**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed

our sins from us. As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Refrain: The Lord remembers that we are but dust.

For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust. Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field; when the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more. **R.**

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children; on those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments and do them. **R.**

Gradual Hymn

CP #619 Fairest Lord Jesus

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Response **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Matthew (Matthew 6:1-6, 10-21)

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

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.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of Christ.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

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.

Psalm 51.1–18 is said.

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. **R.**

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb. **R.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. **R.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. **R.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. I shall teach your ways to the wicked, * and sinners shall return to you. **R.**

Deliver me from death, O God, * and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation. Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R.**

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, * but you take no delight in burnt-offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; * a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. **R.**

Following a moment of silence for reflection, I invite you to stand, as you are able, as we sing.

Hymn:

CP#634 Jesus, Remember Me (Sing 3 times)

The Imposition of Ashes

Please be seated

Celebrant Let us pray:

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.

Amen.

(If you wish to receive the imposition of the ashes, please come forward to the Chancel step)

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

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.**

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. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

CP# 465 Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming
(Verses 1,2 & 4)

The Prayer over the Gifts

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

Ash Wednesday Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Holy One

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our Loving God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, 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 with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, Lord God almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Highest praises, honour and glory, be unto your name, be unto your name. (Sung twice)

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Lead us by the power of the same Spirit to live as you require:
to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with
you our God.

Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ until this mortal life is
ended, and all that is earthly returns to dust. 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.**

Hymn During Communion

CP# 52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

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. **Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,

All Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or

imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation,

**in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant May the God of mercy transform you by his
 grace, and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

CP# 602 Lift High the Cross (*Verses 1, 2 & 5*)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING SERVICE REMINDERS

Sunday, February 22nd, 2026, 9:30am
1st Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Celebrant: The Rev. Leslie Flynn

Sunday, March 1st, 2026, 9:30am
2nd Sunday in Lent

Service of Morning Prayer (BCP)
Service Leader: Catherine Cembella

Sunday, March 8th, 2026, 9:30am
3rd Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Wimmer

- March 6th:** World Day of Prayer – 1pm – St Peter's Roman Catholic Church
- March 12th:** Parish Council Meeting – 7pm – Multipurpose Rm
- March 18th:** Men's Breakfast – 8:30am – Country Grocer Café Bowen Rd

All detailed event information can be found on the St. Philips website under the Events page: www.stphiliplantzville.ca

***In the Worldwide Anglican Community, we pray for: The
Diocese of West Tennessee – The Episcopal Church.***

Who We Are

We are part of the Diocese of British Columbia, which is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and the world wide Christian Church.

We acknowledge with thanksgiving that we gather on the traditional lands of the First Nations Peoples, and especially those of the Snaw-Naw-As people.

We join a line of Anglicans who have worshipped on these islands for over 150 years. As we continue, we commit ourselves to a journey of truth and reconciliation between the indigenous peoples of this land and the non-native peoples of Canada.

We are committed to creating and maintaining a safe community in every respect including our ministry with vulnerable persons such as children, seniors, and persons with special challenges.

We welcome everyone, regardless of language, race or sexuality, into a Christian community whose core values are love, respect, kindness, and generosity.

If you are new here today, please make yourself known to the minister taking the service. We would love to get to know you better.