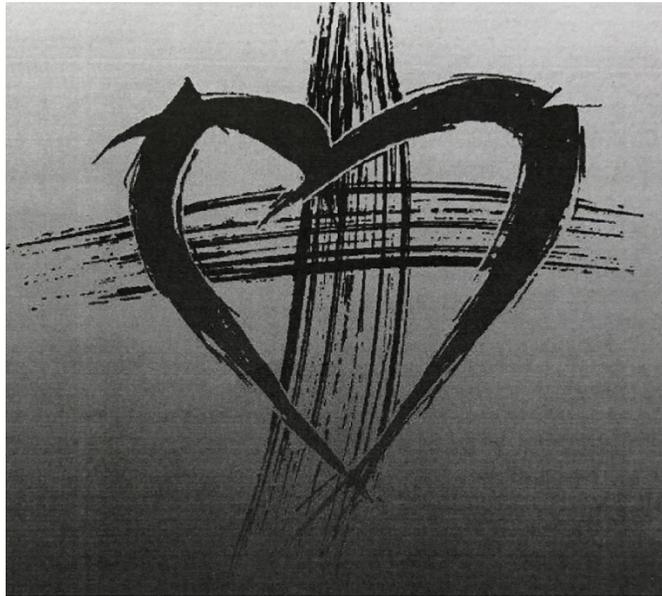


**February 18, 2026
7:30 pm Eucharist
on Ash Wednesday**



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Gathering Hymn: 'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy' CP 606

**There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in
heaven;**

**There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment
given.**

**There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.**

**Foolish hearts, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?**

**For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.**

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

All: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray,

Kyrie

CP 678

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalm 51:1-17

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.*
**And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.**

- ⁵ Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁶ For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- ⁷ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- ⁸ Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- ¹³ I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from death, O God, *
**and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.**
- ¹⁵ Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁶ Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

'Beware of practising 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. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so 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. ⁶ 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.

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. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn continued

**Just as I am, thy love unknown
hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Reflection

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: 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 charity, and by

reading and meditating on the Word of God. Let us be humble before our Creator and Redeemer.

The Litany of Penitence

All: Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole company 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.

In the following litany, you are invited to respond to the biddings with
Have mercy on us, Lord.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Presider: 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.

All those present are invited to come forward and receive the sign of ashes on their foreheads.

Presider: Accomplish in us O God the work of your salvation.

All: That we may show forth your glory to the world.

Presider: By the cross and passion of your Son, Our Lord,

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

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon 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.

All: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Hymn: 'Healer of our Every Ill'

CP 612

Refrain *Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

**You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness,
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.** *Refrain*

**In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision: God of love.** *Refrain*

**Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother,
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide.** *Refrain*

**You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing,
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.** *Refrain*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among
us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on
your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

the Great Thanksgiving

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus:

CP 683

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and the suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share in this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to who, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honour, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

you may use the traditional version or another language you use for prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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 glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

CP 685

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
Grant us thy peace.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table. Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers become friends and the seeker finds God's wisdom speaking to them. See who you are and become what you see.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*All who are drawn to Christ are welcome at this table. Bread and wine are shared, but receiving in one kind carries the fullness of Christ's presence.
You may also come forward for a blessing instead.*

**Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray,

All: **God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconcile your people to yourself. Following the example of his prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts**

and serve one another in holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anointing with the Oil of Catechumenate

Those who are beginning preparation for baptism, reaffirmation, or confirmation are invited to come forward to be signed with blessed oil.

Sending Hymn: 'May the Spirit of Christ'

CP 483

***Refrain: May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,
Be our guard through the night,
Our companion on the way.***

**Christ be ever before us,
Christ be ever behind us,
Christ be ever within. *Refrain***

**Christ be on our left hand watching,
At our right hand guiding;
Christ above, beneath us guarding,
Near to us abiding. *Refrain***

**Christ be in each holy silence,
Christ be in our speaking,
Christ in every work we offer,
Ever in our seeking. *Refrain***

**Let us be God's light in the darkness,
Let us be God's kindness,
Let us be God's justice and mercy,
Hands and feet of Christ. *Refrain***

**God Creator, bless and keep us,
Christ be ever near us,
Spirit be the light before us:
Gentle be our pathway. *Refrain***

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sunday's Readings for Lent 1, February 22, 2026

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:11-19; Matthew 4:1-11



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thursday February 19

Vespers 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+

Saturday February 21

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon

Crafternoon, 2-4 pm in the Lounge

Sunday February 22

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. *

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*

followed by the Annual Vestry Meeting in the Upper Hall

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