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Ash Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

12:15 P.M.

Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes | In-Person & Livestream

The Reverend Matthew Senf, *Presider*
The Reverend Clare Morgan, *Preacher*
The Reverend Kevin de la Mare, *Deacon*
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Welcome to the Cathedral

Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

We envision a radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired Cathedral. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out the Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city of Vancouver, and the world.

We recognize our history and traditions while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for every voice — especially yours.

To learn more about the many ministries and opportunities for service in this community, please visit our website: www.thecathedral.ca.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.
Dean & Rector



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A message to children and their grown-ups

We're glad you're here! Here are a few things we would like you to know about our 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- Parents are invited to drop off children aged 2.5+ downstairs in the Park Room for Sunday school.

Sunday school starts at 10:30 a.m. and children will return to sit with their parents for communion. The nursery is available downstairs as a quiet space for you and your children. The service is live streamed so you can follow the worship.

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We're here to support you — feel free to reach out anytime!



The Gathering of the Community

Presider Blessed be the Holy One, who forgives all our sins and whose mercy endures for ever.
Amen.

Presider Creator of all, we acknowledge that we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the x̣ẉṃə̣θ̣ḳẉə̣ỵə̣m (Musqueam), Sḳẉx̣ẉụ́7̣mesh (Squamish), and Sə̣ḷiḷẉə̣tạʔ̣ł̣ (Tseil-Waututh) nations

All Lead us on pathways of reconciliation and peace.

Presider We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation:

Music: trad. Russian Orthodox

Refrain:



Ho - - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us.

Presider We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid:

All [Sung] Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Presider We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice:

All [Sung] Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Presider We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others:

All [Sung] Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Presider We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves:

All [Sung] Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Presider May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Saviour and Friend. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent.

All 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

The First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8-18

Refrain: Neil Cockburn



Your mer - ci - ful good - ness en - dures for ev - er on those who fear you.

8 You are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 You will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger for ever.

10 You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. *Refrain*

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is your mercy great upon those who fear you.

12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our sins from us.

13 As parents care for their children,
so do you, O Lord, care for those who fear you. *Refrain*

14 For you yourself know whereof we are made;
you remember that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 when the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more. *Refrain*

17 But your merciful goodness endures for ever on those who fear you,
and your righteousness on children's children;

18 on those who keep the covenant
and remember the commandments and do them. *Refrain*

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6.10

At the conclusion of the epistle:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Deacon The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Clare Morgan

After the sermon all stand, and the Presider addresses the congregation, saying

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 almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence is then kept for reflection.

Psalm 51:1–18

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offences.

**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.

**18 Be favourable and gracious to Zion,
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.**

Litany of Penitence

The Presider and people say together,

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.

The presider continues,

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.

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 judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, 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;

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

If ashes are to be imposed, the presider may say the following prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Our Lord Jesus Christ says, ‘A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.’ Let us confess to almighty God our failure to accept God’s love and to share it with others.

A period of silence is kept.

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. **Amen.**

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward, and the ashes are applied to the forehead of each person with the following words.

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

The cantors sing:

Take These Ashes

Text and Music: Sarah Hart (2019).

After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling.

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

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

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

The priest stands and, facing the people, says,
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.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

Thank you for your prayerful stewardship of the ministries of the Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity at any amount, because your stewardship empowers our mission to advance the Good News of God's infinite love and mercy through our worship, ministries, formation, and service. You may make a gift using the offering plate being passed around at this time or refer to the back page of this bulletin to see other methods. Together with the gifts of bread and wine, we present our gifts at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all good things come.

Offertory Hymn

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

(CP 179)

Text and music: THOMAS, Marty Haugen (1950-)

1 Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

2 Seed that dies to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story
we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.

3 We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

4 Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.

5 Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

6 Light of life beyond conceiving,
mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness.

All **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

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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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 Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth [...] Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**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 Presider continues:

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation [...] Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all [...] by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Ringing of the bell. (x3)

The Lord's Prayer

Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)

Presider As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across bar lines. The lyrics are: 'All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread, For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.'

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread. **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider 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.**

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

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.

The Communion

To receive the consecrated Bread, approach the altar and extend your hands to the minister with palms open. To receive the consecrated Wine, carefully guide the chalice to your lips. For public health, please do not dip the Bread into the Wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that you receive the full efficacy of communion with only the Bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to receive a blessing by approaching the altar and crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat as you feel comfortable. If you are interested in learning about baptism, please contact a member of our clergy. During communion, Healing Prayer is offered for all people in the west alcove.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray. God of Compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself.

All 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.

The Doxology

Presider Glory to God, 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 Solemn Prayer

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel

Presider 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.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Chorale Prelude on "Caithness"
("O, for a closer walk with God")*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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