



# Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

7:00 p.m.

**Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist**

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## Trinity Memorial Church

*An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Central New York  
and a Jubilee Ministry Center*

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### **All are welcome!**

Trinity Memorial Church is **handicapped accessible**, please enter through the glass doors on Oak Street, a **lift** to the sanctuary level is available in the far corner of the gym.

**Accessible restrooms** with a **changing station** are located in the Hoyt Room through the large double doors on the right of the sanctuary.

**Hearing assistive devices & large print bulletins.** Please speak with an usher.

**Parents** are welcome to use the Children's Corner in the Hoyt Room. There are also soft toys and activities that children can use in the pew or in the Children's chapel.

**Visitors!** Please sign our guest book at the entrance to the church, we would enjoy having an opportunity to have a conversation with you.

**Our Mission:** *To serve Christ passionately through self, family, parish and community.*

**Our Identity:** *A diverse people responding to God through worship and music, friendship and formation, generosity and service.*

## The Gathering

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* ***His mercy endures forever.***

### 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.***

## The Word of God

### The First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2,12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near-- a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, `Where is their God?'"

*Lector*          The Word of the Lord.          *People*

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 103:8-14**

*Anglican Chant*

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
    slow to anger and of great kindness.  
 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
    nor will he keep his anger for ever.  
 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
    nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.  
 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
    so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.  
 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
    so far has he removed our sins from us.  
 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
    so does the LORD care for those who fear him.  
 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
    he remembers that we are but dust.

**The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10**

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, labors, 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 honor and dishonor, 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*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

**Sequence Hymn 152**

*Kind Maker of the World*

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

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

### **The 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.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.            *People*            ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Glenn Mahaffey**

### **Call to a Holy Lent**

*(Book of Common Prayer, page 264)*

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.

*Silence*

### **Imposition of Ashes**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

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.*

***All are invited to come forward for the imposition of ashes.***

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

## **Psalm 151**

*The choir sings while the congregation receives the imposition of ashes.  
The text begins in The Book of Common Prayer at page 656.*

## **Litany of Penitence**

*(BCP, p. 267)*

*Together, kneeling*

***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.***

*Worship Leader*

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.***

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 judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
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;

***Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.***

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

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

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

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

*Priest*

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 we may come to his eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*Priest*  
*People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

**Anthem**

*Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness*

Sauel Sebastian Wesley

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,



Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death,  
and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life;  
that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world,  
we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 and Benedictus S-122**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory,***

***Hosannah in the highest!***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosannah in the highest!***

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God,  
for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation;  
in the calling of Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,  
***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious  
God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ  
and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we may be acceptable through him,  
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.  
In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ,  
and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints,  
we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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,***

*for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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*period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Hymn: S153**



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



There-fore let us keep the feast.

*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

## **Ministration of Communion**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him can meet him here.*

**Communion**

*God So Loved the World*

Joseph Stainer

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All*

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our*

*Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Hymn 618** Eternal Lord of Love

## **The Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Please be dismissed in Silence**

