

SAINT BARNABAS CHURCH
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT



ASH WEDNESDAY • 7:30PM
IMPOSITION OF ASHES & HOLY EUCHARIST
MARCH 5, 2025

INVITATION TO ASH WEDNESDAY

We are an Episcopal church seeking friendship with God and one another in Jesus Christ. We are delighted you're here.

We worship using the Book of Common Prayer. The prayer book contains modern versions of services that go back to the early church and were given new life by the Reformation in England. We make our own the prayers of followers of Jesus across time and around the world. The page numbers marked **BCP** are found in the red book, the prayer book. The **Hymns** are found in our church's hymnal, the blue book.

There are three parts to our service this evening. We encounter the God of Jesus Christ first in the reading of Scripture, opened up to us in a new way today through the sermon. We then remember the fragility of our lives by receiving the imposition of ashes, and we remember the ways we have wronged God and one another through a prayer of confession. Finally, assured of God's unconditional forgiveness for us in Jesus Christ, we encounter him anew by receiving the sacrament.

We pray that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, God will give you new hope and strength for your life through our common prayer.

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The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday

The ministers and choir enter in silence

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

Kyrie eleison

Becky McGlade

Sung by the choir

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Please be seated.

First Reading Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel.

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?'"

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 103, vv. 8-14

Thomas Attwood

Sung by the choir

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always be chiding :
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins :
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth :
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west :
so far hath he set our sins from us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children :
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth whereof we are made :
he remembereth that we are but dust. Amen.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6: 10

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

Lord Jesus, think on me
Southwell

1. Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2. Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed,

from earth-born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
let me Thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste Thy prom - ised rest.

Holy Gospel Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

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

People

Glory to you, Lord 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."

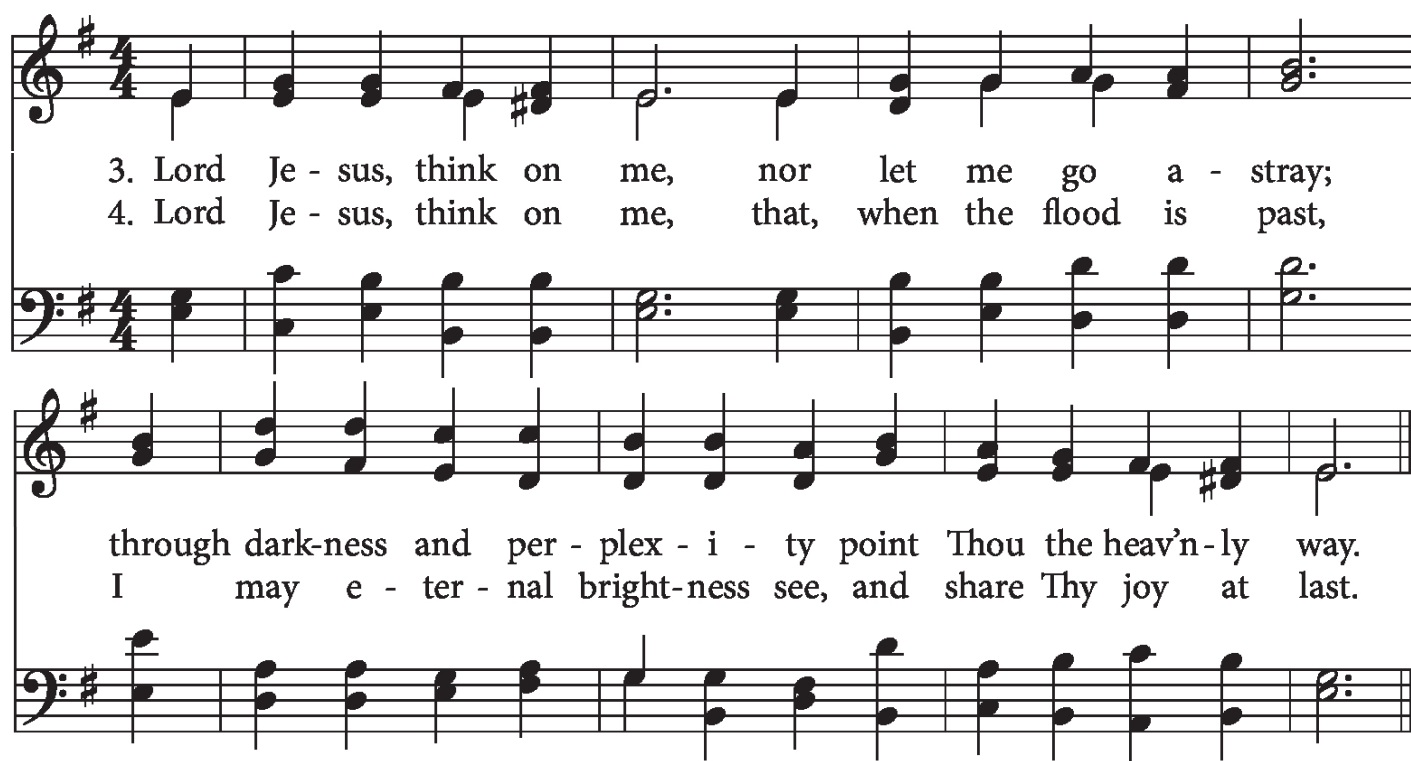
The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn

Southwell



3. Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4. Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,
through dark-ness and per - plex - i - ty point Thou the heav'n - ly way.
I may e - ter - nal bright-ness see, and share Thy joy at last.

Sermon

The Rev. Phoebe Oler

The Imposition of Ashes

The Invitation to a Holy Lent

BCP 264

The People of God are invited to observe a holy Lent, a time of penitence and fasting, in imitation of the Lord, who fasted forty days in the wilderness at the beginning of his public ministry, and in the tradition of the first Christians.

After the Priest has blessed the ashes, you are invited to come to the altar rail to receive the imposition of ashes as a symbol of our mortality and reminder of the fragility of life.

The ashes are imposed with the following words.

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

Music at the Imposition

Civitas sancti tui

William Byrd

c.1540-1623

Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta.
Sion deserta facta est,
Jerusalem desolata est.

*Thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Zion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.*

Litany of Penitence

The Celebrant and People pray together, all kneeling as able

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

Please stand as you are able.

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

The Holy Communion

Hymn 699

Jesus, lover of my soul

Aberystwyth

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer A

BCP 361

Please stand as you are able.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Becky McGlade

Sung by the choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Agnus Dei

Becky McGlade

Sung by the choir

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

The sacrament is distributed under the forms of both bread and wine at the altar rail. If you need the sacrament to be brought to your pew, please let the usher know. You may receive the sacrament according to your custom. Most often, we receive the bread in the upturned palms of our hands, and we receive the wine either by sipping from the chalice or by dipping the bread in the wine (known as

intinction). To receive a blessing rather than the sacrament, please indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

Music at Communion

O Lord, look down from heaven

Jonathan Battishill

1738-1801

O Lord, look down from heaven,
and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory:
Where is Thy zeal and Thy strength,
Thy mercies toward me?
Are they restrained?

Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

The Blessing

Hymn 150

Forty days and forty nights

Aus der Tiefe

Dismissal

The ministers and choir leave in silence.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Barnabas

Palm Sunday Sunday, March 29
8AM & 10AM

Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 2
7:30PM

Good Friday Friday, April 3
Spoken Service 12PM
Choral Service 7:30PM

The Great Vigil of Easter Saturday, April 4
7:30PM

Easter Day Sunday, April 5
Choral Services 9AM & 11AM
Annual Easter Egg Hunt 10AM

We want to be friends in Christ.

We would love to get to know you, and to support you in your spiritual life. You can use this QR code to share your information with us, sign up for our e-news, or request a call from a priest or member of the staff. If you prefer pen-and-paper, you may fill out a pew card.



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The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp

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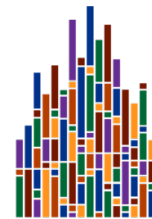
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