



St. Helena's Anglican Church

February 22, 2023

12 Noon and 5:30 pm

Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist

Thank you for silencing your cell phone or electronic device.

Prelude: I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ

J. S. Bach

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Invitation to a Holy Lent

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. In this manner, 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 that all Christians continually have to renew our 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 alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

Collect of the Day (*Kneeling as able*)

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you 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.**

Please be seated for the reading of God's Word.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

Pew Bible, page 617

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Beach Spring

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes

Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes
As another Lent begins;
Thus we kneel before our Maker
In contrition for our sins.
We have marred baptismal pledges,
In rebellion gone astray;
Now, returning, seek forgiveness;
Grant us pardon, God, this day!

We have failed to love our neighbors,
Their offences to forgive,
Have not listened to their troubles,
Nor have cared just how they live,

We are jealous, proud, impatient,
Loving overmuch our things;
May the yielding of our failings
Be our Lenten offerings.

We are hasty to judge others,
Blind to proof of human need;
And our lack of understanding
Demonstrates our inner greed;
We have wasted earth's resources;
Want and suffering we've ignored;
Come and cleanse us, then restore us;
Make new hearts within us, Lord!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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

Pew Bible, page 811

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily

The Rev. Hunter Jordan

Blessing

Officiant: Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God. Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be for us a symbol of our mortality and a sign of our penitence, that we may remember that it is by your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

The officiant will explain the imposition of ashes.

Imposition of Ashes

Psalm 51 (*Read in unison*)

- 1 *Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away my offences.*
- 2 *Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.*
- 3 *For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.*
- 4 *Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in your judgment.*
- 5 *Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, and in sin my mother conceived me.*
- 6 *But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.*
- 7 *You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*
- 8 *You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.*
- 9 *Turn your face from my sins, and blot out all my misdeeds.*
- 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 *O give me the comfort of your help again, and sustain me with your willing Spirit.*

Confession and Litany of Penitence

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

People: *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, through our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. 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. 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.*

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For our unrighteous anger, bitterness, and resentment; for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call. Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For our negligence in prayer and worship; for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: *For we have sinned against you.*

Officiant: For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Officiant: For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

All: Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Offertory Anthem: Johannes Brahms

Create in Me, O God

The Parish and RSCM Youth Choirs

Create in me, O God, a pure heart,

And grant anew, grant a right spirit within me.

(stanza 4)

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Liturgy of the Table

Please stand as you are able.

The Sursum Corda

BCP, page 115

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

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

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Sanctus

Hymnal, 764

Kneeling or seated as you are able.

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP, page 116

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 118

The Fraction

BCP, page 118

Celebrant: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the Cross.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

During Communion

Congregation, please join in singing:

Agnus Dei Hymnal, 765

Hymn 601 Woodworth

Just As I Am

Hymn 414 Olivet

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP, page 121

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we

may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

All: O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart: that desiring you, we may seek you; and that seeking you, we may find you; and that finding you, we may love you; and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 98

St. Flavian

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

The congregation departs in silence.

Participating in the Service:

The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector
The Rev. Hunter Jordan, Associate Rector for Families
The Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway, Bishop in Residence
The Rev. Jim Cato, Deacon
Jeff Harbin, Choirmaster and Organist
The Parish and RSCM Youth Choirs
Hall Sumner, Lector (12 Noon)
Jim West, Lector (5:30 pm)
Lauren Ivens and Hall Sumner, LEMs (12 Noon)
Barbara Hathaway and Jim West, LEMs (5:30 pm)
David Jennings, Audio/Video Technician (12 Noon)

Our Vision

St. Helena's will boldly proclaim the saving Gospel and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and through intentional discipleship, will raise up servant leaders and worshipping communities in Beaufort and beyond, seeing the Kingdom come.

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