



ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Helena's Anglican Church
February 18, 2026
12 Noon

Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist

Thank you for silencing your cell phone or electronic device.

Opening Voluntary: Prelude on Gibbons Song 24 "Lighten the Darkness" Healey Willan

Acclamation (Please stand as able)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

Invitation to a Holy Lent *BCP, page 543*

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: James 5:13-16

Pew Bible, page 1013

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm verses are chanted by the choir

Psalm 103:8-14

Benedic, anima mea

⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

Holton A. Johnson (b.1996)

Gradual Hymn 616

Restoration

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6

Pew Bible, page 811

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The 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)

BCP, page 546

Confession and Litany of Penitence

BCP, page 547

The Absolution

The Peace

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

People: And with your spirit.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem:

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
With patience bear thy cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Offertory Response 406*Wondrous Love*

(verse 3)

***To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.***

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

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP, page 119

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

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
The Rev. Dr. Emil Klatt III, Associate Rector
The Rev. Keith O'Neal, Deacon
Holton Johnson, Director of Music Ministry
Eugenia Henderson, Music Ministry Assistant
The Parish Choir
Barbara Hathaway, Lector
Barbara Hathaway and Barbara Klatt, LEMs
Bill McDuff, Norris Laffitte, Paul Griffin,
and Pete Smith, Ushers

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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