

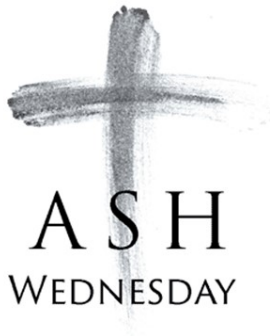
All Saints' Memorial Church

Ash Wednesday Year B

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12:00 noon Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, February 17, 2021



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Welcome to All Saints' Memorial Church!

Welcome to All Saints' Memorial Church for worship today! Thank you for joining us. So that we can all worship together as safely as possible, the Diocese of New Jersey along with All Saints' ask you to remember the following guidelines:

- **Face masks/Face coverings are needed for everyone over the age of 2.**

They must be worn at all times, except when receiving communion. We have extra adult masks if needed. Lectors and the Celebrant may remove their face mask if they are about 20 feet from the congregation.

- Please sit only in open/marked pews for services, and honor the seating capacity.
- Please use hand sanitizer on your way in before seating, there is also sanitizer in the pews.
- There will be no opening procession in the church due to the width of the aisle.
- You will notice that the kneelers have been removed so that we do not have to sanitize them. We will stand (as one is able) instead for the confession, Eucharistic prayer, and for the post communion prayer.
- While some music will be played during the service, there is no congregational singing inside.
- The Sign of the Peace is to be exchanged from your own place or pew by waving, bowing, or giving the peace sign. Handshakes, hugs, etc. are only to be exchanged among household family members.
- There will be no offertory procession, or passing of the plate. Please place your offering in the plate on the back table on your way in or your way out. A basket will be left out for outside services.
- Communion:
 - Only the bread will be distributed, and given in the hand.
 - For outside services, follow distribution directions given at the service.
 - In Church, please stand to receive communion to limit cross contamination of the altar rail.
 - Only one person/household in the aisle at a time, which may mean one person receiving communion at a time.
 - Please use the hand sanitizer provided on your way to communion.
 - After receiving please return to your seat. If you wish, you can sanitize your hands on the way back.
- In Church, after dismissal is pronounced, please leave beginning with the back pews to limit people passing one another on the way out.
- Please take your bulletin with you .

We know that these guidelines make for a very different worship experience. We pray for a swift end to this pandemic; but until then, we follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.

This is how we love one another.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Silent Entrance

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

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Salutation: Bless the Lord who Forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures forever.*

Collect of the Day

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.*

Please be seated

READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own

kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 103:8-14

- 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.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

Please stand as able

<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
<i>People:</i>	<i>Glory to you, Lord Christ</i>

The 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.*

Please be seated

Homily

Mother Debbie

Please stand as able

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. 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.

Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

The Celebrant then says

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.*

The ashes are imposed with the following words

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

After the Imposition of Ashes, the following is said, while seated:

Psalm 51

Miserere mei, Deus

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 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.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt-offerings and oblations; *
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

Litany of Penitence—*together, please stand 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.

People *Have mercy on us, Lord.*

Celebrant 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.

People *Have mercy on us, Lord.*

Celebrant We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride,
hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People *We confess to you, Lord.*

Celebrant Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other
people,

People *We confess to you, Lord.*

Celebrant Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more
fortunate than ourselves,

People *We confess to you, Lord.*

Celebrant Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our
dishonesty in daily life and work,

People *We confess to you, Lord.*

Celebrant Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend
the faith that is in us,

People *We confess to you, Lord.*

Celebrant 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,

People *Accept our repentance, Lord.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
<i>People</i>	<i>Accept our repentance, Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
<i>People</i>	<i>Accept our repentance, Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
<i>People</i>	<i>Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
<i>People</i>	<i>That we may show forth your glory in the world.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
<i>People</i>	<i>Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.</i>

The Priest 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.*

Peace

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

The people stand as able

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

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

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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated until you can come forward to receive. All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion; come forward one pew at a time. Please use hand sanitizer before approaching altar. You may remove mask to receive communion; please put it back on after receiving communion.

For those worshipping with us online, you are invited to use the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

After Communion, all stand for the final prayer and blessing.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be upon you, and all those you love and whose lives you touch now
and always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

<i>Celebrant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

Please exit the Worship space/Church, with rear pews exiting first, and transepts pews last .

For those worshipping with us online

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Liturgy in Lent

Beginning today, there will be a few changes to embrace the themes of Lent: repentance and self-examination as well as a renewal of right relationship between us and our Lord. It is the practice of All Saints' and many Episcopal churches to change music and liturgy to reflect the season, to instill in us focus of the season. Some of these changes are:

The primary liturgical change most are aware of is dropping the use of 'Alleluia' or certain songs of praise. This expression of joy will return at our Easter Vigil service on April 3rd.

On the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, both of our services will open with the Great Litany, the first set of prayers or liturgy translated from the Latin into English during the time of Henry VIII.

The remaining Sundays of Lent, except for Palm Sunday, we will begin the service with the Penitential Rite, which precedes the opening Eucharist. In using the Penitential Rite, we open the service with Confession, which means that we are moving it to the front of the service as we enter into worship.

We will be using Eucharistic Prayer C, which begins on page 369 of the Book of Common Prayer. Please note that there is a series of congregational responses woven throughout the Prayer.

We will be using the Post-communion Prayer found on page 366 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The season of Lent is an ancient practice and a key season for us all; and our worship helps remind us of that.

Calendar

Wednesday, February 17th

7:00 am Ash Wednesday Service

10:00 am Healing Service on Facebook Live

12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 18th

7:00-9:00pm Vestry Meeting (online)

9:00pm Compline on Facebook Live

Sunday, February 21st

Reservations needed for worship

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church

10:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church (live streamed)

ON LINE GIVING OPTIONS

Text to Give:

- Text the word GIVE to 732-400-5774;
- If this is your first time, it will direct you to a screen to setup a giving method—either via credit card or using ACH (from your bank account). *Whatever method you pick will be the method Text-to-give continues to use for subsequent donations.*
- Enter the information and pick your amount.
- For future donations, text GIVE to the same number, answer the prompt for the