

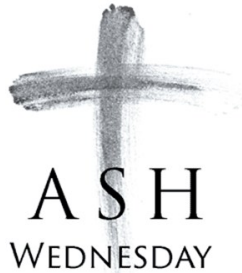
All Saints' Memorial Church

Ash Wednesday

12:00 noon Holy Eucharist/Imposition of Ashes
With Hymns

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist/Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025



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Welcome to All Saints' Memorial Church for worship!

Whether this is your first time here, or a first time in a long time, please know a few things:

All are welcome—always!

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall (the building closest to the parking lot).

The entire order of service with readings, except for the hymns, is contained in the bulletin.

Our hymns and service music are located in the *blue 1982 Hymnal*. Service music is indicated by an 'S' in the front, and is located in the front part of the Hymnal. Hymns are indicated by their number in the Hymnal.

We normally stand to sing the hymns, for the reading of the gospel and prayers; and are seated for readings, Psalm, and the homily. It is traditional to kneel for the confession.

The Sign of the Peace is to be exchanged from your own pew by elbow or fist bumps, waving, bowing, or giving the peace sign to those in the pews surrounding you. Handshakes, hugs, etc. can be exchanged among household family members.

All are welcome to receive communion regardless of age or your faith background:

Ushers will guide you to the communion rail; you may receive communion either standing or kneeling.

We receive in both kinds: bread in the hand which you may consume immediately and then drink from the cup, or you may retain the bread to dip into the cup; please be careful so fingers do not touch the wine.

You may also come to the altar for blessing instead; please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest, or tell the priest.

If you are unable to make the trip to the communion rail, please let the ushers know and communion will be brought to you.

Thank you for worshipping with us. If you have any questions about All Saints' or The Episcopal Church, please feel free to speak to Mother Debbie after the service.

Note:

If you have any symptoms known to Covid 19 or the flu (fever, muscle aches, headache, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting, cough, trouble breathing, among others), please refrain from attending in person.

If you are immuno-compromised and need a mask, we have them available at the entrance Table.

Ash Wednesday
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THE WORD OF GOD

Silent Entrance

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

Sequence Hymn #143 (Noon only)

The glory of these forty days

Erhalt uns, Herr

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

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.”

Deacon 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.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling as able.

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 kneel or 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.**

Celebrant For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

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

Celebrant Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

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

Celebrant By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

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

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 as able

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Sign of the Peace is to be exchanged from your own pew by elbow or fist bumps, waving, bowing, or giving the peace sign to those in the pews surrounding you. Handshakes, hugs, etc. are only to be exchanged among household family members

Announcements

Offertory Hymn #142 (noon only)

Lord, who throughout these forty days
St. Flavian

Holy Communion

The people stand as able

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Though Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with the Angels and Archangels and with the faithful in every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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 the one who comes in the Name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image

in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your

promise of salvation. Then in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, that with all your saints, past, present and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. **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; usher will guide you.. All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We receive bread in the hand. You may retain it to dip into the cup; please be careful so fingers do not touch the wine. At this time, we are offering wine by intinction only (dipping your wafer into wine).

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

**Communion Music
(noon only)**

*Erbarm' dich main, O Herre Gott. BWV 721
J. S. Bach, c. 1704*

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.*

Closing Hymn #150 (noon only)

*Forty day and forty nights
Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

Dismissal

*Celebrant
People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 19th.

On the First Sunday of Lent, March 9th, 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 EOW (Enriching our Worship) Eucharistic Prayer 1

The Fraction anthem ('Lamb of God') after the Eucharistic Prayer is known as the Agnus Dei.

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.

Monday night Zoom Study: Starting March 10th, join us Monday nights on Zoom starting at 7 pm for a six session study of Luke's gospel using a book from Methodist minister Adam Hamilton called: *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*. You can order the book through Cokesbury, Amazon, or download it on Kindle or Play books.

Calendar

Wednesday, March 5th

Ash Wednesday

5:30 am to 8:00 am Ashes to Go at Seastreak Ferries

12 noon Ash Wednesday service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

Thursday, March 6th

9:00 Compline on Facebook Live

Saturday, March 8th

8:15 am Men's Breakfast, Prayer and Study in Rectory

Sunday, March 9th: First Sunday in Lent

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS: Set clocks ahead one hour

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church with Great Litany

9:55 am Sunday School in Hall

10:00 am Choral Holy Eucharist in Church & Great Litany (Livestreamed)

Coffee Hour

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 amount, and the donation will be processed.