

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH  
2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021 ~ 7:00 am, 12:00 noon

LITURGY OF THE DAY AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*No matter who you are or where you are in your spiritual journey,  
you are welcome here.*

For this Zoom service, we ask that you be mindful of background noises and mute your microphone when not speaking. An additional note that before the service begins, the presider will invite others to participate as a lector, intercessor, and respondent from among those present. Thank you for your participation!

*At the sound of the bell, we invite you to open your hearts to God and one another.*

### The Collect

*Presider* May God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

*After a period of silence, the Presider continues:*

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.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### A Reading from the Book of Joel — Joel 2:1–2,12–17

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?'"

*after the Lesson:*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



*Cantor* You are full of compassion and mercy,  
*All* **slow to anger / and of great kindness.**  
**You will not al/ways accuse us,**  
**nor will you keep your / anger for ever.**  
**You have not dealt with us ac/cording to our sins,**  
**nor rewarded us accord/ing to our wickedness.**  
**For as the heavens are high a/bove the earth,**  
**so is your mercy great up/on those who fear you.**  
**So far as the / east is from the west,**  
**so far have you / removed our sins from us.**  
**As a parent cares / for a child,**  
**so do you care / for those who fear you.**  
**For you yourself know / whereof we are made;**  
**you remem/ber that we are but dust.**

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians — 2 Corinthians 5:20<sup>b</sup>–6:10

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.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (12:00 noon only)

Acclamation: AUS DER TIEFE, adapt. Jamie Apgar (b. 1986)  
 Verse: Plainsong, Tone I

*The acclamation is sung by a cantor and repeated by all:*



**Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!**

*The cantor sings the verse appointed for the day:*

Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. —2 Corinthians 6:2

*All repeat the acclamation.*

**The Holy Gospel** — Matthew 6:1–6,16–21

*Gospeller* 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.”

*after the Gospel:*

*Gospeller*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Homily

The Reverend Will Bryant, *Deacon*

*A silence for reflection follows the homily.*

## Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

*Presider*     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.

*All kneel for silent prayer.*

*The Presider continues:*

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.**

## Imposition of the Ashes

*At this time, all impose ashes as a sign of our mortality.*

**Psalm 51:1–4, 9–18** (*said without refrain at 7:00 am service*)

Christopher Putnam (1967–2018)

*Refrain, sung by a cantor and repeated by all:*



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion, blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. **Refrain**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. **Refrain**

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. **Refrain**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me. **Refrain**

Give me the joy of your saving health again, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you. **Refrain**

Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation. Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **Refrain**

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; but you take no delight in burnt-offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. **Refrain** (*sung at least 3 times*)

*After a period of silent reflection, the Assistant Minister continues:*

*Ast. Min.* As we call to mind the ways in which we have fallen short of God's ideals for our lives, let us kneel and pray:

## Litany of Penitence

*Ast. Min.* Most holy and merciful Father:

**All** **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 Assisting Minister 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 not heeded 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 refusal to see 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 Presider proclaims God's forgiveness:*

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 God's ministers to declare and pronounce to God's people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. The Merciful One pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe the Holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech God to grant us true repentance and their Holy Spirit, that those things may please God 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 their eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

### **The Peace**

*Presider* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Please take a moment in prayer to extend Christ's peace to the people in your life.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**All** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **Prayer of Communion**

*Presider* Let us pray. *All stand.*

God of all,

**All** **we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Solemn Prayer over the People**

*Ast. Min.* Let us bow before the Lord.

*Presider* Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Chant, *Bless the Lord, my soul* (12 noon only)

Taizé Community



Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The Dismissal

*Ast. Min.* Let us bless the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*All depart in silence.*

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## PARTICIPATING TODAY

### 7:00 AM SERVICE

*Presiding* The Rev. Maggie Foote  
*Preaching & Assisting* The Rev. Will Bryant  
*Zoom Host* The Rev. Phil Brochard  
*Musicians* Dr. Jamie Apgar, *cantor*

### 12:00 NOON SERVICE

*Presiding* The Rev. Maggie Foote  
*Preaching & Assisting* The Rev. Will Bryant  
*Zoom Host* Emily Hansen Curran  
*Musicians* Dr. Jamie Apgar, *cantor*