

“Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.”
(Psalm 80:7)

The Ministry of the Word

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The community prays in silence, then follows the Collect of the Day.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you despise 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 brokenness,
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, now and for ever. Amen.

The Reading Joel 2:1-2; 12-17

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Sermon Restoring Grace

The Rector

The Imposition of Ashes

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
every year at the time of the Christian Passover
we celebrate our redemption
through the death and resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration
and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.
We begin this holy season
by remembering our need for repentance,
and for the mercy and forgiveness
proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter
with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign,
speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life,
and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Lord,
to observe a holy Lent by self-examination,
penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,
and by reading and meditating on the word of God.
Let us come humbly before our Creator and Redeemer.

Psalm 51:1-18 - *Miserere Mei, Deus*

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.

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

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.

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.

Litany of Penitence

The celebrant and people pray together.

All: **Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you, 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.**

Celebrant: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind,
and strength. We have not loved our neighbours 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 judgements, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours 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: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Celebrant: Almighty God,
 from the dust of the earth you have created us.
 May these ashes be for us a sign of
 our mortality and penitence,
 and a reminder that only by your gracious gift
 are we given eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward. The celebrant then leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession.

Celebrant: Accomplish in us, O God,
 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 glory of his resurrection.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you,
 forgive you all your sins
 through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 strengthen you in all goodness,
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit
 keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn CP 615

Just as I am, without one plea
 But that thy blood was shed for me
 And that thou bidst me come to thee
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind
 Yea, all I need, in thee to find
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about
 With many a conflict, many a doubt
 Fightings and fears within, without
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, and waiting not
 To rid my soul of one dark blot
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am—thy love unknown,
 has broken every barrier down—
 now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Merciful God,
 turn us from sin to faithfulness.
 Accept our offering,
 and prepare us to celebrate
 the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up you hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Eternal God, source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a visible sign of your presence in the world.
When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others,
you confront us in your love,
and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and saying

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**All: 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.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Gracious God:
When Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice into good
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the rivers of Babylon
and carried them home.

People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: At the right time, you sent your Son, Jesus,
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of life.
Jesus knew the desolation of the Cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving God,
recalling Jesus' death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all those whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

People: **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say:

All: **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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread.

People: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

People: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

*All those who love Jesus and are in relationship with Him are welcome to
share in Communion with us.*

Communion Song

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Refrain: Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You

Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Prayers after Communion

Celebrant: God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you reconciled your people to yourself.
Following his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,
**All: whose power working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church, and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn CP 455

Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee!

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm,
O still, small voice of calm.

The Dismissal

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