



Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Ash Wednesday

10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Welcome

Large Print service leaflets are available

*Create in me a
clean
heart,
O God,
and put a new &
right
spirit
within
me.*



Psalm 51:10, NRSV

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The Gathering of the Community

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,

People **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Joel 2:1–2,12–17

Reader A reading from the Book of Joel.

¹ 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—

² 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.

¹² Yet even now, says the Lord,

return to me with all your heart,

with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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?

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;

call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ 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?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8–18

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.

15 Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments and do them.

**God of infinite mercy and forgiveness, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus your Son,
wash away our sins and deliver us from our infirmities of body and spirit, that we may live
with him his risen life, to the praise and glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Second Reading:

II Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

^{20b} ... we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him
to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹ As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

² 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! ³ We are putting no
obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants
of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in
afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights,
hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love,
⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right
hand and for the left; ⁸ in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are
treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and

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see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ 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.**

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 6:1–6,16–21

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹ [Jesus said,] “Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

² “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. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ “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. ⁶ 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.

¹⁶ “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. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also . . . ”

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

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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 kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Psalm 51:1–18

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- 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 judgement.
- 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.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of Penitence

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- People* **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 toward 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 wishing to receive the imposition of ashes will be invited to come forward.

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 joy 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.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Hymn during Preparation of the Altar "Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face"

Gen. 3:17-19; Ps. 51:1-12 Brian Wren, 1989

Unison

1 Dust and ash - es touch our face, mark our fail - ure and our
 2 Dust and ash - es soil our hands— greed of mar - ket, pride of
 3 Dust and ash - es choke our tongue in the waste-land of de -

fall - ing. Ho-ly Spir-it, come, walk with us to - mor-row,
 na - tion. Ho-ly Spir-it, come, walk with us to - mor-row
 pres - sion. Ho-ly Spir-it, come, walk with us to - mor-row

take us as dis - ci - ples, washed and wak-ened by your call - ing.
 as we pray and strug-ple through the mesh-es of op - pres - sion.
 through all gloom and griev-ing to the paths of res - ur - rec - tion.

Refrain

Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us through the des - ert sands,

bring us liv - ing wa - ter, Ho - ly Spir - it, — come.

This hymn, exploring the different dimensions of repentance, was written for the choir of the United Church, Hyde Park, Chicago, with Ash Wednesday in mind. Brian Wren reminds us that the Holy Spirit is always with us, not only at Pentecost.

Tune: DUST AND ASHES Irr. with refrain
Hal H. Hopson, 1989

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving 8 [From Evangelical Lutheran Worship]

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.**

Celebrant God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread #7

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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

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymn #49 “Draw Near and Take”

- 1 Draw near and take
the body of your Lord,
and drink with faith the blood
for you outpoured.
- 2 Saved by his body,
hallowed by his blood,
with souls refreshed
we give our thanks to God.
- 3 Salvation’s giver,
Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood
the victory won.
- 4 Let us approach
with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges
of salvation here.

Text from Latin; translation by John Mason Neale

- 5 The Lord in this world
rules his saints, and shields;
to all believers
life eternal yields;
- 6 with heavenly bread makes
those who hunger whole;
gives living waters
to the thirsting soul.
- 7 Before your presence, Lord,
all people bow.
In this your feast of love
be with us now.

Prayer of Thanksgiving*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.*People* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing**Closing Hymn #175 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”**

Text by George Hunt Smyttan

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled: 2 burning heat throughout the day,
bitter cold when light had fled,
prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed. 3 Shall not we your trials share,
learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer
wrestle with the powers of hell? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 So if Satan, pressing hard,
soul and body would destroy,
Christ who conquered, be our guard;
give to us the victor’s joy. 5 Saviour, may we hear your voice—
keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice
at the eternal Eastertide. |
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Dismissal*Leader* Go in peace as we walk our Lenten journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****10:30 a.m.**

Celebrant The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Preacher The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Pianist Judy Bradshaw

7:30 p.m.

Celebrant The Rev. Leonard Leader
Preacher The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan



**Lent 2017 at
St. George on Yonge
Anglican Church**



I invite you, 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.

(from the Ash Wednesday Exhortation, BAS)

- ❖ **Communion Service & Joel reflection** Chapel
Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Candlelight Communion Services** Chapel
Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5 7:30 p.m.
 - *Quiet, meditative, contemplative music, candlelit*
- ❖ **Lenten Series** following the Candlelight Communion Service
“The Prophet Joel . . . Join Others Encountering Lent”
Wednesdays March 15, 22, 29; April 5
- ❖ **AAWE** 10:30 a.m.
Sunday March 19
Instructed Eucharist . . . learn what we do in our liturgy and why

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.***

(Psalm 51:10–11)

Services

Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962) Mandarin Fellowship Sung Eucharist (BAS) 3rd Sunday of the month (AAWE)
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BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

AAWE (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers

Incumbent	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Student Intern	James Yu
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria
Churchwardens	
People’s Warden	Max Wynter
Rector’s Warden	Aili Maki