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**REMEMBER THAT THOU ART DUST,
AND UNTO DUST SHALT THOU RETURN.**

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026, 7:30p.m.

Solemn High Mass with Imposition of Ashes

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional
territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

Organ Prelude

Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder, BuxWV 178
(‘Ah Lord, poor sinner that I am’)

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Mass Setting

Missa XVIII

Plainsong

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Please stand for the entrance of the sacred ministers and altar servers.

Antiphon

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving kindness is comfortable : turn
thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.
Ps. Save me, O God, for the waters are come in : even unto my
soul. Glory be ... Hear me O Lord ...

Please kneel.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

Collect

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast
made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily
lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may
obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and
forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and
reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without
end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.



- ⁸ THE LORD is full of compassion and *gra-cious*, / **long-suffering, and of great good-ness.**
- ⁹ He will not alway be *chi-ding*: / **neither keepeth he his an-ger for ev-er.**
- ¹⁰ He hath not dealt with us after our *sins*, / nor rewarded us according to our *wick-ed-ness-es*.
- ¹¹ **For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the *earth*, / so great is his mercy also toward *them* that fear him.**
- ¹² Look how wide also the east is from the *west*, / so far hath he set our sins from^us.
- ¹³ **Yea, like as a father pitieth his own *chil-dren*, / even so is the Lord merciful unto *them* that fear him.**
- ¹⁴ For he knoweth whereof we are *made*: / he remembereth that we are but dust.
- ¹⁵ **The days of man are but as *grass*; / for he flourisheth as a *flower* of the field.**
- ¹⁶ For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is *gone*; / and the place thereof shall *know* it no more.
- ¹⁷ **But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that *fear* him, / and his righteousness unto *chil-dren's chil-dren*;**
- ¹⁸ Even unto such as keep his *co-ve^nant*, / **and think upon his *command-ments* to do them.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

89 *From Ashes to the Living Font*

Bangor

Gradual Proper

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me : for my soul trusteth in thee. *℟.* He shall send from heaven : and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

Tract

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins : nor reward us according to our wickednesses. *℟.* O Lord, remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon : for we are come to great misery. *℟.* Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name, O Lord : O deliver us and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.

Gospel Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 (KJV)

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

And Jesus spake unto his disciples, saying: Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Canon George Kwari

Exhortation

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.

Please kneel.

Psalm 51 Miserere mei, Deus.

II.1



- ¹ HAVE MER-cy upon me, O God, after thy great *good-ness*; /
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine *of-*
fenc-es.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my *wick-ed-ness*, / and cleanse *me*
from^my sin.
- ³ For I acknowledge my *faults*, / and my sin is ever *be-fore* me.
- ⁴ Against thee only have I sinned, and done that which is evil
in thy *sight*; / that thou mightest be justified when thou
speakest, and clear *when* thou^dost judge.
- ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in *wick-ed^ness*, / and in sin hath
my mother *con-ceiv^ed* me.
- ⁶ But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward *parts*, / and shalt
make me to understand *wis-dom* se^cret-ly.
- ⁷ Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be *clean*; / thou
shalt wash me, and I shall be whi-ter than snow.
- ⁸ Thou shalt make me hear of joy and *glad-ness*, / that the
bones which thou hast bro-ken may^re-joice.
- ⁹ Turn thy face from my *sins*, / and put out all my mis-deeds.
- ¹⁰ Make me a clean heart, O God, / and renew a right spirit
with-in me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from thy *pre-sence*, / and take not thy holy
spi-rit from me.



- 12 O give me the comfort of thy help a^{gain}, / and stablish me with a *free* spi-rit.
- 13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the *wick*-ed, / and sinners shall be convert-ed un[^]to thee.
- 14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my sal-va-tion; / and my tongue shall sing of *thy* righ[^]teous-ness.
- 15 O Lord, open thou my *lips*, / and my mouth shall *show* forth[^]thy praise.
- 16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I *give* it; / but thou delightest not in *burnt* of[^]fer-ings.
- 17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled *spi*-rit: / a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt *thou* not[^]des-pise.
- 18 O be favourable and gracious unto *Si*-on; / build thou the walls of *Je*-ru[^]sa-lem.
- 19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with the burnt offerings and ob-la-tions; / then shall they offer young bullocks upon *thine* al-tar.

Prayer

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All: Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, Spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And according to the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Litany of Penitence

Celebrant: Most holy and merciful Father,

All: we confess to thee, 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 thee 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.

All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Celebrant: We have been deaf to thy call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

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

All: We confess to thee, O Lord.

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

All: We confess to thee, O Lord.

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

All: We confess to thee, O Lord.

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

All: We confess to thee, O Lord.

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

All: We confess to thee, O Lord.

Celebrant: Accept our repentance, O Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All: Accept our repentance, O Lord.

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

All: Accept our repentance, O Lord.

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

All: Accept our repentance, O Lord.

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

All: Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great.

Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

O God , who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: we beseech thee to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, and of thy goodness to bless and ✠ sanctify these ashes now to be set upon our heads for a token of humility and for the remission of our sins: that we, acknowledging ourselves to be but dust and ashes, and that by reason of our vileness we must return unto the same, may of thy mercy be found worthy to obtain the pardon of our offences and the reward that thou dost promise to them that are penitent; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who upon the people of Nineveh, repenting in dust and ashes, didst bestow the healing of thy loving-kindness: mercifully grant, that we, who now do imitate them in outward fashion, may be made like unto them in the obtaining of thy pardon. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Here the celebrant after putting incense into the thurible and blessing it then sprinkles the ashes three times with holy water saying the Antiphon without chant,

“Thou shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be

cleansed; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.”
Asperges me Domine, Ps. 50

Then shall the Priest and people say:

Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake, lay not our sins to our charge; But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; To decline from sin, and incline to virtue, That we may walk with a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward, and the ashes are placed on the forehead of each person with the following words:

Remember that thou art dust, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Music at Imposition of Ashes

Lenten Prose

Plainsong

Please kneel.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of thy salvation,
That we may show forth thy glory in all the world.

By the cross and passion of thy Son, our Lord.
Bring us with all thy saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Offertory Proper

I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up, and not made my foes to triumph over me : O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Offertory Hymn

83 All Ye Who Seek a Comfort Sure

St Bernard

Prayer over the Gifts

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.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours be acceptable unto God the Father almighty.

May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit and to that of all His Holy Church.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed ✠ is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command

us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. ✠

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded;

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion;

And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and ✠ heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray. As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

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 them that 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 Fraction

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Behold the Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world
Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Proper

He who doth meditate on the law of the Lord day and night : will

bring forth his fruit in due season.

Communion Hymn

80 *O Kind Creator, Bend Thine Ear*

Ecce Tempus

Ablutions Motet

Remember not, Lord, our offences Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Prayer after Communion

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Almighty and everliving God, **we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical Body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.**

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us depart in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Post-Communion Hymn

88 *Forty days and forty nights*

Aus Der Tiefe

Organ Postlude

Fuga

Dieterich Buxtehude

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