



CHRIST  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH



Ash Wednesday,  
Holy Eucharist  
with Imposition of Ashes

February 18, 2026

12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## Abbreviations

**BCP** = Book of Common Prayer (Red Book)

**H** = Hymnal 1982 (Blue Book)

**LEVAS** = Lift Every Voice and Sing (Red and Black Book)

**WLP** = Wonder, Love, and Praise (Green Book)



*Please remember to silence your cellphones.  
Thank you!*

*Prayer Before Worship (BCP, 833)*

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ASH WEDNESDAY, THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES (NO MUSIC)

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**The Word of God**

*The Ministers enter in silence.*

Collect of the Day .....	Insert
First Reading.....	Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalms 103.....	Insert
Second Reading .....	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Gospel .....	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Homily .....	Fr. Daniel
Invitation to a Holy Lent .....	BCP 264
Imposition of Ashes .....	BCP 265
Psalms 51.....	BCP 266
Litany of Penitence.....	BCP 267
Peace	

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts and Doxology

Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A..... BCP 361

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*)..... BCP 362

The Lord's Prayer .....

BCP 364

Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

*Please tell an Usher if you want Communion brought to you.*

Post-Communion Prayer .....

BCP 365

Solemn Prayer over the People

Blessing

Dismissal..... BCP 366

ASH WEDNESDAY, THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES (W/MUSIC)

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**The Word of God**

*The Ministers and Choir enter in silence.*

Collect of the Day .....	Insert
First Reading.....	Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalms 103.....	Insert
Second Reading .....	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Sequence Hymn .....	H 141
Gospel .....	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Homily .....	Fr. Daniel
Invitation to a Holy Lent .....	BCP 264
Imposition of Ashes .....	BCP 265
Psalms 51.....	BCP 266
Litany of Penitence.....	BCP 267
Peace	

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory Anthem.....	<i>In God We Trust<sup>t</sup></i>
Presentation of Gifts .....	H380, v3
Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A.....	BCP 361
Holy, Holy, Holy ( <i>Sanctus</i> ) .....	S-129
The Lord's Prayer .....	BCP 364
Breaking of Bread .....	S-161
Communion Hymn .....	H 674, H 697
<i>All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.</i>	
<i>Please tell an Usher if you want Communion brought to you.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer .....	BCP 365
Solemn Prayer over the People	
Blessing	
Processional into World .....	H 142
Dismissal.....	BCP 366
Postlude	

## **The 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.*

## **A Reading from 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. (58:1-12)

*People*                      The Word of the Lord.  
                                      Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 103

*Benedic, anima mea*

*Pause at the \* and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The LORD executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.

The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.

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

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

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

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

The LORD has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the LORD, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the LORD, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the LORD, O my soul.

## **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. (5:20b-6:10)

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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." (6:1-6, 16-21)

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

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive Holy Communion. All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing.*

### **Spiritual Communion for those Unable to Receive**

*For those watching the service on YouTube, the following prayer may be said during communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

*Prayer After Worship (BCP, 834)*

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Serving Today, February 18**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Daniel Johnson, O.P.A.
<i>Pianist/Organist</i>	Hannah Massey
<i>Lectors</i>	Rosanne Desmone (12:00) Connie Hockaday (OT) (7:00) Jeff Massey (E) (7:00)
<i>Crucifer/Chalice</i>	Kristi Gross (12:00)
<i>Acolyte/Chalice</i>	Penny Knepp (12:00)
<i>Crucifer/Chalice</i>	Bruce Adkins (7:00)
<i>Acolyte/Chalice</i>	Linda Rooney (7:00)
<i>Ushers</i>	Jeri Phillips (12:00) Steve Smith (7:00)
<i>Streaming</i>	TBD (7:00)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Wieland Team

### **Additional Liturgies**

Weekday Eucharist – Wednesday  
12:00 pm Celtic Eucharist (Church)

### **Online Services**

Tuesday through Friday  
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
5:00 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

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## Announcements

**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are glad to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like to be added to our email list, if you have a prayer request, or if you would like to speak with the priest, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.



If you would like to **donate to Christ Church electronically**, please scan the QR Code above with your phone's camera to access our giving page. You can also Text CCSPOTSY to 73256 to donate.

**“Souper” Bowl Fridays** begin next Friday, February 27, at 6:00pm. We begin with a light soup/bread supper in the Great Hall and conclude with Compline in the church at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up if you are coming so we know how much food to prepare and if you can help with soup or bread. The sign-up sheet is in the Communications Center.

### **Serving this Sunday, February 22**

*Lectors* Steve Smith (8:00)  
Penny Knepp (OT) (10:30)  
Martha Clark (E) (10:30)

*Crucifer/Acolyte/Chalice* Connie Hockaday (8:00)  
*Crucifer/Chalice* Connie Hockaday (10:30)  
*Acolyte/Chalice* Logan Johnson (10:30)

*Ushers* Joseph L. Ilk (8:00)  
Janet Jennings & Lewis Lopez (10:30)

*Streaming* TBD (10:30)

*Altar Guild* Williams Team

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<sup>1</sup> *In God We Trust* (LEVAS #55), Words: Anonymous;  
Music: Anonymous, arr. C. Julian Parrish