



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church *Lake Jackson, Texas*

Our Vision

As a family of God, we are called to invite and welcome all people to connect with Christ and grow in his love while serving and sharing with our community.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2021
12:00 p.m.

Prelude

Bonnie McDaniel

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect

[BCP 264]

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12 *(sit)*

After the reading

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

Psalm 103:8-14 (*sung by cantor*)

[BCP 733-734]

- 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.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

After the reading

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

The Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel passage is read.

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

The Homily (*sit*)

The Reverend Genevieve Razim

The Exhortation (*stand*)

[BCP 264]

Priest 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.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Priest 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.

The ashes are imposed as the Priest says the following words,

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Psalm 51:1-18 (*said in unison*)

[BCP 656-657]

- 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 judgment.**
- 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.

Litany of Penitence (*kneeling*)

[BCP 267]

Priest and People

Most holy and merciful Father:

**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 Priest 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 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.

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 blindness 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 Absolution

[BCP 269]

Priest 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 his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the

absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him 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 his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

[BCP 364]

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People: **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant 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. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Bonnie McDaniel

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