

*St. David's Episcopal Church*  
*"Ash Wednesday"*

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017



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*"Proclaiming Good News to the Poor, the Blind, the  
Captive and the Oppressed*

*("You are asked to please turn off all mobile devices during the  
service. Thank you!")*

## Holy Eucharist

Organ Prelude:

Introit Hymn: "*Ash Wednesday Comes and, Lord, We Hear*"

Ash Wednesday comes, and Lord, we hear  
The word for which our spirits yearn;  
Amid this world's distress and fear,  
We hear your loving call: "Return!"

"Return to me with all your heart"  
With fasting, weeping, mourning, too.  
O God, we seek a brand new start,  
A new beginning here with you.

You call to us — the old, the young;  
You summon nations strong and weak.  
When we have drifted toward the wrong,  
You call us back, your way to seek.

O God most merciful and kind,  
Your love is not a prize we earn;  
Yet in our life with you we find  
The joy that comes when we return.

### *The Ministry of The Word (Rite II—p. 355)*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says:*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People: His mercy endures forever.*

### *The Collect for Purity*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

The Celebrant says the Collect.

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*Collect for the "Ash Wednesday"*

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 Book of Joel (2:1-2, 12-17)

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—<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;<sup>13</sup> 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.<sup>14</sup> 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?<sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet

in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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?”’

*The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*(moment of silence)*

Psalm 103 vs 8-14

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.

*All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*

A Reading from Paul's letter to 2Corinthians (5:20b---6:10)

<sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;<sup>8</sup> in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God. (moment of silence)*

Gradual Hymn (1982)

No. 150

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew 6: (1-6,16-21)

*People:* *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

‘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.<sup>2</sup> ‘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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.<sup>\*</sup> <sup>5</sup>‘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. <sup>6</sup>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.<sup>\*</sup> <sup>16</sup>‘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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>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.<sup>\*</sup> <sup>19</sup>‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust<sup>\*</sup> consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust<sup>\*</sup> consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily: *Father Nisbett*  
(moment of silence)

Imposition of Ashes (BCP)

No. 264

## Exchange of the Peace

### AT THE OFFERTORY

Sentence/Anthem:

Offertory Hymn: “When Giving Your Gifts”

When giving your gifts, don't let others see;  
don't point to yourselves and say, "Look at me!"  
For some think that praise is its own great reward,  
but gifts made in secret are blessed by the Lord.

When talking to God, don't be on display;  
just go in your room and quietly pray.  
And when you are fasting, don't make it a show,  
for God is the only one needing to know.

Don't store for yourselves the treasures of earth,  
for kept on their shelves, they'll lose what they're worth.  
The moth will consume them, the rust will destroy,  
and thieves will take all that you hope to enjoy.

O Lord, you have said: Seek treasures above  
like sharing of bread and labors of love,  
like kindness to strangers and gifts to the poor.  
These gifts, given humbly, will surely endure.

(Presentation of Elements)

Hymn after the Offertory:

*“Give thanks with a Grateful Heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One:  
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son  
And now let the weak say, “I am strong”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!”*

Eucharistic Prayer “A”:(BCP)

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The Great Mystery

Communion Hymns : (Levas)

Nos.137, 144

Post Communion Prayer:

“Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

The Blessing

*“The peace of God that goes beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of the bountiful God, Creator, Saviour and Counselor, will be with you as you leave this church and for evermore.” Amen*

Recessional Hymn: (1982)

No. 559

Dismissal

Musical Postlude (please remain seated, quietly)



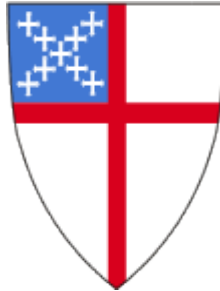


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## **SERMON NOTES**

## **“EMPOWERING THE CHURCH FOR SERVICE”**



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