

ASH WEDNESDAY

IMPOSITION OF ASHES February 14, 2024 | 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, when we begin a time of reflection, self-examination, and spiritual redirection. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a time of preparation for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. Jesus was sent by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness for forty days to prepare for his ministry. By observing Lent, we join Jesus on his fast in the wilderness as we consider our mortality and dependence on God, and open ourselves to repentance, new life, and ministry to others.

During services on Ash Wednesday, we mark our foreheads with an ashen cross. In the Bible a mark on the forehead is a symbol of a person's ownership; therefore, being marked with a cross symbolizes that the person belongs to God. This is in imitation of the spiritual mark that is put on in baptism, when we are "marked as Christ's own forever." The ashes are traditionally made from palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday observance.

OPENING VOLUNTARY O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622

I.S. Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as you are able.

OPENING HYMN • 147 Now let us all with one accord

BOURBON

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 264

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 58:1-12

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:8-14

Chanted by the choir.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN • 149 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

OLD 124TH

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. David Barr

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Please stand, as you are able, for the Exhortation.

THE EXHORTATION BCP, p. 264

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 kept for a time.

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE PRAYER OVER THE ASHES

BCP, p. 265

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 with the following words:

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

PSALM 51

Miserere mei Gregorio Allegri

Soloists: Leah Joseph (Head Chorister), Avery Seigler, Mareike Sattler, Gerry Senechal, and Benjamin Petty

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins

and blot out all my iniquities.

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.

Give me the joy of your saving help again

and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

O God of my salvation.

Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,

Open my lips, O Lord,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Be favorable and gracious to Zion, and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,

with burnt-offerings and oblations;

then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

BCP, p. 267

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.

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.

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.**

Please be seated.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Drop, drop slow tears William Walton

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet, Which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, cease not, wet eyes, his mercy to entreat To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

Drop, drop, slow tears, in your deep flood drown all my faults and fears; Nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

Please kneel, as you are able.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

SILENT PROCESSION

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation departs in silence.

The alms basins for the offering may be found in the back of the church.

WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, celebrant; the Rev. Dr. David Barr, preacher; the Rev. Colin Ambrose; and the Rev. Joe Ananias Verger Kris Moore

Acolytes Evie Bentley, William Menge, and Stewart Clay

Lectors Kim Baker and John Spelman

Lenten Choral Eucharist

Harkening back to our Anglican roots, the St. George's Choir will lead us in a special choral Eucharist during Lent on Sundays at 11:00am. This Choral Eucharist will still maintain the shape of our beloved Rite I service from *The Book of Common Prayer* with traditional language and congregational hymns. But as a special offering during Lent, the choir will be sharing new settings of service music to create space for prayer and reflection during the service. We invite you to worship with us at 11:00am starting on Sunday, February 18, as we listen prayerfully for God during Lent.

Lenten Church Conversations Wednesdays, February 21 – March 20

Our Lenten Conversations are an invitation to examine the intersection of art and faith as we consider the work of Makoto Fujimura and others through this Wednesday series in Lent. Our series will kick off with a reception at 5:30pm on February 21, followed by the talk at 6:00pm. The following weeks will begin with a dinner 5:30pm. We hope you'll join us for engaging conversations each week. Details and registration at stgeorgesnashville.org/lentenconversations.

- February 21: Andrew Peterson of The Rabbit Room
- February 28: Eva Crawford from the Kintsugi Institute
- March 6: Christina Ananias from Belmont University
- March 13: Nicole Minyard, Daybreak Arts Founder
- March 20: Service of Compline

Reimagining a Holy Lent: Women's Lenten Devotions

Join the women of the church as we prepare for Lent and create a personal Lenten experience designed to help us understand meaningful conversations as an adtidote to lonliness and disconnection. There are multiple ways offered to help us approach this season with an appropriate mindset and daily devotional practices. Sign up for the email list at stgeorgesnashville.org/women.

- Daily emails with reflections and meditations
- Lenten partners to reflect on the daily emails together
- Social opportunities connected to church events

Lenten Donation Drive Sunday, February 18 – Sunday, March 17

This year's Lenten Donation Drive supports the work of Siloam Health as they care for the uninsured and underserved patients in Nashville. We are collecting over-the-counter drugs and pharmaceutical supplies, which will sorted by St. George's volunteers and taken to Siloam at our spring Mission Day. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/lentendrive.

Confession

Available by appointment during Holy Week

Private confession with a priest is available when we need to unbrden our hearts and seek God's forgiveness int the presence of a fellow human being. The clergy member is sworn to secrecy and serves as an instrument to delcare God's forgiveness and restoration. Sign ups coming soon.

Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday, March 24 - Maundy Thursday, March 28

The Stations of the Cross are a visual and interactive way to commemorate and meditate on Jesus' passion and death on the cross. We encourage everyone from age 2 to 92 to come walk the way with us. We will have prayers to help guide you through the stations, as well as hands-on visuals. Visit on Palm Sunday or Monday through Thursday during Holy Week from 2:00-4:00pm in Hampton Hall.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday March 24

7:30am Rite I in the Nave

8:45am Rite II in the Nave, starting with procession

9:00am The Table in Legacy, starting with procession

11:00am Rite I in the Nave

5:00pm Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist in the

Chapel

Maundy Thursday March 28

7:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave Prayer Vigil immediately following in the Chapel

Good Friday March 29

7:00am Service in the Chapel

12:00pm Service in the Nave

3:00pm Children's Stations of the Cross

6:00pm Service in the Nave

Easter Vigil March 30

7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter in the Nave

Easter Sunday March 31

7:00am Rite I in the Nave

8:45am Rite II in the Nave *

9:00am The Table in Legacy Hall *

11:00am Rite I in the Nave

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5:00pm Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist in Chapel

*Children's Egg Hunt following the 8:45am and 9:00am services.

Bible Reading Plan Each Sunday, we read lessons selected from the church lectionary. As we enter into Lent, we encourage you to pick up a copy of our Bible Reading Plan card and read along with us. Each week, there is a simple schedule of readings that prepare you for the following Sunday. We hope you will find this tool helpful as you listen for God's voice this season.

Room in the Inn Winter Shelter Our Room in the Inn ministry continues as we host both men and women overnight during the cold months ahead. There are now additional volunteer opportunities posted for our men's shelters on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, and our next women's shelter is Thursday, February 15. We hope you will join us in providing food, shelter, friendship, and care to our unhoused neighbors. Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/riti for details and to sign up.

Moms' Bible Study This year we are learning about the women who were important in Jesus' life and ministry, and how their example can encourage us in our walk with Christ and in our calling as women and as moms of children from 0 to 18. During Lent, we will work from the resource Jesus and Women by Kristi McLelland, with time for fellowship, conversation, and prayer. Childcare will be offered right around the corner in room 223 for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers—childcare reservations are required. Details can be found at stgeorgesnashville.org/parenting.

Prime Time Speaker Series Thursday, February 15, at 11:30am in Hampton Hall. Join us for "Da Vinci's *The Last Supper*" presented by Kem Hinton. Kem will help us understand the background for the artistic creation and the unusual background of this mural, which he calls one of the most important artistic achievement of human history. All are welcome. Make your reservation for the \$12.00 lunch by Monday, February 12, at stgeorgesnashville.org/seniors or by calling 615-385-2150 x 262.

Special Presentation from Siloam Health Representatives from Siloam Health Center will present on their ministry in healthcare. Learn how you can get involved as a volunteer to mentor new families with a healthcare curriculum, or volunteer in their clinics. Join us at 10:05am in the Library on Sunday, February 18.

Family Fellowship Brunch Next Sunday, February 18, parents, youth and children are invited to Akers Hall for bagels, coffee, and treats during Sunday school hour. There will be no Kids Chapel, Children's/Youth Sunday School, or the Parenting Series class due to the Presidents' Day weekend.

Our Little Roses Trip Deadline Time is running out to register for the summer mission trip to Honduras. Our Little

Roses is an organization devoted to improving the quality of life of girls in Honduras, nurturing them through God's love, and offering life-changing opportunities including education, healthcare, and housing. This multi-generational trip is composed of youth, single adults, and families. Learn more and register online by Tuesday, February 20 to participate. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/ourlittleroses.

Breaking Bread Please join us for food and fellowship in Hampton Hall on Wednesday, February 21, at 6:00pm. RSVP at 615-385-2150 x 262 or reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org. Suggested donation \$8. Proceeds benefit the Choristers.

Compline This brief and beautiful service is set in a darkened church and sung by a small men's choir. Join us on Wednesday, February 21, at 9:15pm, and stay as long as you wish, departing in silence as we mark the last hours of the day.

Lunch and Learn: Health Matters Thursday, February 22, at 11:30am. Mary Gilliam will share how yoga and meditation help with cognition, build strength and flexibility, and support overall wellness. Make your reservation for lunch by Monday, February 19, at stgeorgesnashville.org/seniors or by calling 615-385-2150 x 262.

Communion Class Sunday, February 25, to Sunday April 21, at 10:05am in Room 203. This optional course for our 3rd grade students helps them grow deeper in their faith as they learn about the prayers, actions, and elements of Communion. Many parents like to use this class to prepare their child for first Communion, but the class is equally beneficial for children who have already been receiving communion. For details, contact the Rev. Sarah Puryear at sarah.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org.

St. George's 101 Sunday, February 25, at 6:00pm in the Bradford Gallery. Come enjoy dinner and fellowship, learn more about our mission and core values, and get to know some of our clergy. All prospective members are invited to attend as we share how the church will support you and how you can become a part of our community. Details and registration at stgeorgesnashville.org/welcome.



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Musician, Writer & Founder of the Rabbit Room



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March 13
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Daybreak Arts Founder



March 20

Margery Kennelly
With a Service of Compline at 7:00pm





Register at stgeorgesnashville.org/lentenconversations

LENTEN DONATION DRIVE

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What We Need

Medicine & Hygiene Supplies - Children's Items - etc Full list posted online!



Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/lentendrive

STAFF MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, Rector
The Rev. Colin Ambrose, Vice Rector & Chief of Staff
The Rev. Dr. David Barr, Associate Rector
The Rev. Margery Kennelly, Associate Rector
The Rev. Joe Ananias, Priest Associate
The Rev. Richard Kew, Priest Associate
The Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi, Priest Associate
The Rev. Sarah Puryear, Priest Assoc. for Family Ministries
The Rev. Roger Senechal, Priest Assoc. for Senior Ministries
The Rev. Tim Taylor, Priest Associate

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then open the AudioFetch app to start listening.

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30, 8:45, and 11:00am: Holy Eucharist

9:00am: The Table

5:00pm: Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL) 7:00am Monday - Saturday | Daily Worship 10:00am Wednesday | Healing Prayer

