



Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026
5:00 pm service



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BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

Prelude

Welcome

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - We gather on lands which have been the home of SENĆOŦEN and HUL'QUMI'NUM' speaking Coast Salish peoples from time immemorial, and their encounter with the Creator in this place goes before our own.

Opening hymn (CP #606) ***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

1 There's a wideness in God's Mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

3 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

4 Foolish hearts why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

5 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

Gathering Sentences

Presider As the Lenten season begins,
we come to worship God,
aware of our frailty and our failings.

All **We come seeking God's mercy,
acknowledging our mortality.**

Presider Having received the waters of baptism,

All **we come to be marked now with ashes.**

Presider May we humble ourselves before God

All **not with a yoke of burden,
but with a mantle of freedom
in Jesus' name.**

Amen.

Collect of the Day

Presider O God,

All **you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
Transfigure us into his likeness,
so that, as a people changed and changing,
we may illumine the world with your
compassion. We ask this through the same Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from the Book of Joel (2:1-2,12-17).

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-17

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.

(continued over)

(Psalm continued)

- 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.
And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.
- ⁵ Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁶ For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- ⁷ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- ⁸ Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- ¹³ I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from death, O God,
**and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.**
- ¹⁵ Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁶ Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Second Letter to
the Corinthians (5:20b-6:10).

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn (CP #14) *Oh Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ*

1 O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
and blest are you, his holy son.

2 Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son and Spirit: God
who dwells in the eternal light.

Presider May God be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual hymn continued

3 Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth
and in the highest heaven adored.

Sermon The Rev. Kelly Duncan

Litany of Penitence

Presider Most holy and merciful God,
All **we confess to you, 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 neighbours as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been
forgiven.**

All *Refrain:*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e -
lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son,
Ky - - ri - e e - lei - - son.

All **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.**

**We confess to you, Lord,
all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people.**

Refrain:

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son,
lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son,
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

All We confess our anger at our own frustration,
and our envy of those more
fortunate than ourselves,
our intemperate love
of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

Refrain

All 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.
For all false judgements,
for uncharitable thoughts
toward our neighbours,
and for our prejudice and contempt
toward those who differ from us,
for our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern
for those who come after us.

Refrain

**Restore us, good Lord,
and let your anger depart from us;
Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Refrain

Presider We bow our heads before you, O God,
All **aware of our sinfulness and our shortcomings.
We receive an ashen cross upon our foreheads –
another sign that in life and in death,
we belong to you. In the name of Jesus Christ,
crucified, risen and coming again, we pray.
Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

*Those who desire to receive ashes are welcome to come forward
to one of two stations at the front of the church. When all those wishing
ashes have received them we say:*

Presider O God,
accomplish in us,
the work of your salvation,
All **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Presider By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,
All **bring us with all your saints to the joy
of his resurrection.**

Absolution

Presider According to God's steadfast love,
according to God's abundant mercy,
God does not pass judgement on us,
the judgement we deserve.
All **God creates in us clean hearts
and gives a new and right spirit.
In the grace of Jesus Christ,
we return to God forgiven.
Praise God for our salvation!**

The Peace

Presider My friends in Christ, may the peace of God
be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory hymn (CP #612) *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Refrain: **Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.

Refrain

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision: God of love.

Refrain

3 Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide.

Refrain

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.

Refrain

Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Merciful God,

All **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 forever. Amen.

Presider May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God ...

... to proclaim the glory of your name.

All *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign-ing God of
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,
all cre-a-tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who
comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God ...
 ... Therefore, Holy God, according to his command,
All **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;
Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise ...
 ... all honour and glory are yours, Almighty God,
 now and forever.
All **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as
we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem (CP#65) *Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Here, Lord, we take the bro - ken bread and". The second staff contains: "drink the wine, be - liev - ing that by thy life our". The third staff contains: "souls are fed, thy part - ing gifts re - ceiv - ing." There are some musical markings such as a '3' over a triplet and a '7' over a group of notes.

Presider These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Communion hymn (CP#70) *Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts*
(Instrumental)

Prayer after Communion

Presider Compassionate God,

All **you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and
Lord. Amen.**

Presider Almighty and everlasting God,

All **having shared this time of confession and
humility, we enter this season of Lent aware of
our own mortality and sinfulness.
Encourage us with your presence, we pray,
that we may empty ourselves of whatever
separates us from you and one another.
Teach us to rely on no strength but yours,
as we journey with your Son toward your
kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Ash Wednesday Blessing

Closing hymn (CP #528) *Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past*

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
- 2 under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time like an ever-rolling stream
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Dismissal

Presider Go now in peace to love and serve our God.
All **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

***May Lent 2026 be a time of growth,
discernment and encouragement
for the St. Andrew's community.***

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"REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST AND
TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN"

