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Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist

Ash Wednesday — February 18th 2026

10 a.m. Said Service

7:30 p.m. Sung Service



Ministers:	The people of St. Cuthbert's		
Celebrant:	The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin		
Postulant & Homilist:	Lutzen Riedstra		
Director of Music:	Gary Forbes		
Choral Leads:	Robert O., Linda F., Meghan S. and Lutzen R.		
Reader	10 a.m.	Karen M.	7:30 p.m. Kathi D.
Chalice Bearer:	10 a.m.	Tyler L.	7:30 p.m. Beth P.
Crucifer & Server:	10 a.m.	Jim H.	7:30 p.m. Jim H.
Chancel Guild:	Chancel Guild Members		
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Ash Wednesday Service

Welcome to our Ash Wednesday Service.

For our 10 a.m. Said Service, the Prelude, Postlude and Hymns will be omitted and we will say, rather than sing, the Sanctus and Trisagion.

Prelude

Prelude - Bloch

The Procession enters in silence

Welcome

St. Cuthbert's Leaside, Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Métis, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Opening Hymn CP 170

The Glory of These Forty Days

Text: Latin (6th cent.) ; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. Tr. © Oxford University Press.

Music: Melody Geistliche Lieder, 1543; adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

<p>1 <i>The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.</i></p> <p>3 <i>So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might; and John, the bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.</i></p> <p>5 <i>O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in three-fold name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.</i></p>	<p>2 <i>Alone and fasting, Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.</i></p> <p>4 <i>Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.</i></p>
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The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God,

People: you despise 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 brokenness, 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 Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOEL

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 - 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. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 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. 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? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; 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. 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?'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103: 8-18 (read responsively by verse)

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.

¹⁵ Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

¹⁷ But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him,* and his righteousness on children's children;

¹⁸ On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

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.

The Second Reading 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20b-6:10

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL 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, labours, 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 honour and dishonour, 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn CP 553 sung in Latin

Ubi Caritas et Amor

Text and Music : Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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Ubi caritas et amor. Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Translation

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn CP 553

Ubi Caritas et Amor

Homily: Lutzen Riedstra

The Invitation

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption
through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal
mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance,
and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,
and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence is kept

Litany of Penitence

All: **Most holy and merciful Father,
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.**

Celebrant: 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: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more
fortunate than ourselves,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our
dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to
commend the faith that is in us,

All: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant: 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,

All: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant: For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

All: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Blessing & Imposition of Ashes

Celebrant: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Instructions for the Imposition of Ashes

All those who wish to receive the imposition of ashes are invited to come forward.

The ashes are applied to the forehead with the following words:

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

Conclusion of the Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Accomplish in us, O God,
the work of your salvation,

**People: That we may show forth your glory
in the world.**

Celebrant: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

**People: Bring us with all your saints
to the joy of his resurrection.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Offertory—An Invitation

During the Offertory, we offer many things to God —our cares and concerns, our joys and sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure. Like every Anglican Parish, St. Cuthbert's is called to be financially self-sustaining. To make a monetary offering to support our ministry and mission, please place your donation in the Offertory Plate at either the front or back of the Church. You may also place your offering in the plate as members of the Welcome Team slowly process down the centre aisle during the Offertory Hymn. Offerings may also be sent via e-transfer to stcuthbertleaside@toronto.anglican.ca or by visiting the Donate tab of the website ([click here](#)) or by scanning the QR code. St. Cuthbert's is also grateful to receive donations via The United Way. For more information, please contact the Church Office.



Offertory Hymn CP 180

Text: Latin (11th cent.?) tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893). Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), alt.

<p>1 <i>Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race, hear the prayer our hearts uplift, trembling at thy throne of grace.</i></p> <p>3 <i>Who can save us, Lord, but thou? Let thy mercy show thy power. Lo, we plead thy promise now, now, in this accepted hour.</i></p> <p>5 <i>God the holy Trinity, grant the mercy we implore; God the One, all praise to thee through the ages ever more.</i></p>	<p>2 <i>Though the accusing voice within speaks of many a wrong to thee, thou canst cleanse from every sin; thou canst set the conscience free.</i></p> <p>4 <i>Oh! may these our Lenten days, blest by thee, with thee be passed, that with purer, nobler praise we may keep thy feast at last.</i></p>
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Giver of the Perfect Gift

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts (said by all)

All: Merciful God, 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 for ever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our
human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God
and Father of all.
In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release
to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin
and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
CP 689 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks, saying,
“Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”
In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”
Remembering, therefore, his birth, ministry, death and resurrection, we offer you
this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to gather in
your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy
Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you
and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Said)

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:
All: **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Trisagion

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

CP 688 **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

The Administration of Communion

Please wait until the Choir has returned to their pews before proceeding to the communion rail.

The Welcome team will direct you to the communion rail. Please proceed to the rail in a clockwise motion around the table and return to your pew following the same clockwise motion.



Everyone is welcome
to receive communion.



You may receive both
bread and wine, or just
the bread, if you wish.



We have GF-free wafers
available on request.



Cross your arms to
receive a blessing instead.



Communion can be
brought to you if needed:
just ask a sidesperson.

Communion Hymn CP 76

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee

Text: Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); tr. James Russell Woodford (1820-1885), alt.

Music: Melody Mode 5, Processionale, Paris, 1697; harm. Margaret Drynan (1915-) ©

1 *Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
who in thy sacrament dost deign to be;
both flesh and spirit at thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.*

2 *O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to us doth here afford,
O may our souls forever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, forever precious be.*

3 *Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.*

4 *O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be:
to gaze on thee unveiled and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.*

Motet

Miserere mei Deus - Lotti

sung by the choir

Miserere mei Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam,
et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum dele iniquitatem meam.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness

According to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Prayer after Communion (please stand)

All: God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself.
Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God

All: whose power, working in us, can do, and is doing, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing—Fr. Randal

Closing Hymn CP 564

Text: James Edmeston (1791-1867) Music: Melody Friedrich Filitz (1804-1876); adapt. Thomas Binney (1798-1874); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

1 *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.*

2 *Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.*

3 *Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.*

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Meditation - Bloch

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