



EMMANUEL CHURCH

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WE SHARE OUR HOME, BUILDING A VIBRANT, LOVING COMMUNITY.

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

ASH WEDNESDAY

5:00 P.M.

The people stand as they are able

THE PROCESSION

COLLECT OF THE DAY, *Book of Common Prayer* page 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 people are seated for the readings

THE FIRST READING

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.

- *Isaiah 58:1-12*

PSALM 103:8-14



- 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**.

SECOND READING

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. -2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

The people stand as they are able

SEQUENCE HYMN 148 *Creator of the earth and skies*

GOSPEL

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

People **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."
-Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

The service continues on page 264, Book of Common Prayer

Following the imposition of ashes all stand and sing

PSALM 51

Tune: Amazing Grace

**Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.**

**My guilt is heavy on my mind; I know what I have done:
against your justice I have sinned, against you, God, alone.**

**Now teach me wisdom in my soul; I long to see your face.
Let bones, once broken, sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.**

**Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.**

**Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my soul, my voice.
You save the least and seek the lost; let all the world rejoice!**

- paraphrased by David Gambrell

Standing or kneeling as you are able and prefer

LITANY OF PENITENCE *page 267, Book of Common Prayer*

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated as the choir stands to lead the hymn

OFFERTORY HYMN 439 *What wondrous love is this*

Stanza 1 will be sung by Kevin Venancio

The People stand as the gifts are brought forward

PRESENTATION HYMN *Praise God throughout these forty days*

Tune: Tallis' Canon



**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

The service continues in the Book of Common prayer on page 361

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS: Hymn WLP 856

Lena McLin

Ho - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of p'wer and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *Book of Common Prayer, page 364*

FRACTION ANTHEM WLP 878

Carl Haywood

Who - ev - - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - - er thirst.

The people stand as they are able for

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *Book of Common Prayer, page 365*

HYMN 149

Eternal Lord of love, behold your church

POSTLUDE

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