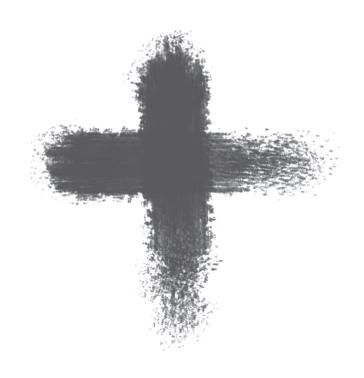
ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February 2024



ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

Reaching One Another, Tallahassee, and the World with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent: a time of penitence, fasting, and prayer, in preparation for the great feast of the resurrection.

The season of Lent began in the early days of the Church as a time of preparation for those seeking to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The forty days refer to our Lord's time of fasting in the wilderness; and since Sundays are never fast days, Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Fast.

Throughout the Old Testament, ashes are used as a sign of sorrow and repentance, and Christians have traditionally used ashes to indicate sorrow for our own sin, and as a reminder that the wages of sin is death (ROMANS 6:23). Like Adam and Eve, we have disobeyed and rebelled against God, and are under the same judgment, "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (GENESIS 3:19).

But as we are marked with ashes in the same manner that we were signed with the Cross in Baptism, we are also reminded of the life we share in Jesus Christ, the second Adam (ROMANS 5:17, 6:4). It is in this sure hope that we begin the journey of these forty days, that by hearing and answering our Savior's call to repent, we may enter fully into the joyful celebration of his resurrection.

-BCP 2019, PG. 542

A Service for Ash Wednesday

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation.

All mobile telephones, pagers, and electronic devices should be turned off prior to the service.

Photography, video, and audio-recording may occur at any Cathedral worship service/event.

Tolling of the Bells Please stand.

Processional Gabriel's Oboe E. Morricone

Sarah Ward, oboe (Noon and 7pm only)

Opening Acclamation

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

Officiant:

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. In this manner, 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 that all Christians continually have to renew our 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 alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

All kneel. A period of silent prayer follows.

Officiant:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you 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.**

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— The Second Lesson Remain seated.

The First Lesson All are seated.

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹ Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, ² a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations.

¹² "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴ 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? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶ gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Lector: The Word of the Lord.People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:8-14

7am | All are seated and say in unison. Noon & 7pm | All are seated. Sung by the choir.

⁸ The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering and of great goodness.

⁹ He will not always chide us, *

neither 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 great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.

¹² As far as the east is from the west, *

so far has he set our sins from us.

¹³ As a father pities his own children, *

so is the LORD merciful to those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows whereof we are made; *

he remembers that we are but dust.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹ Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.People: Thanks be to God.







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(Noon and 7pm only) glo ry of these for - ty days we ing the lone and fast Mo - ses saw iel de -So Dan trained his mys - tic sight, Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full О Fa ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to songs - le - brate with ofpraise; for Christ, through whom all lov - ing God who gave E li jah, the law; and to liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's prayer with strength fast and thee: our spi rits - en prayer ad - dressed, who three - fold ev - erv art $_{
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The Gospel 7am & Noon | All are seated. 7pm | Remain standing.

(7PM ONLY) Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew. People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹ "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ² "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when 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.

¹⁶ "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(7AM AND NOON)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(7PM ONLY)

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Michael W. Petty

Officiant:

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth: grant that these ashes may be for us a symbol of our mortality and a sign of our penitence, that we may remember that it is by your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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The Imposition of Ashes

Vergers will assist the congregation to approach the Altar Rail for the imposition of the ashes. After going forward and receiving the imposition of ashes, please return to your seats along the side aisles.

The ashes are imposed with the following words:

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

Music at the Imposition

Andante in G minor

T. Albinoni

Psalm 51:1-17

7am | All kneel and say in unison. Noon & 7pm | All kneel. Sung by the choir.

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness; * according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away my offences.

² Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I acknowledge my faults, *

and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight, *
so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in your judgment.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, *

and in sin my mother conceived me.

⁶ But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts * and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁷ You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; * you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, *

that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.

⁹ Turn your face from my sins *

and blot out all my misdeeds.

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 O give me the comfort of your help again, * and sustain me with your willing Spirit.

¹³ Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked, * and sinners shall return unto you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, * and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, *

and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

¹⁶ For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would give it to you; *

but you delight not in burnt-offerings.

¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.

The Confession of Sin and Litany of Penitence Remain kneeling.

Officiant and People:

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. 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.

Reader: Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy

of our lives; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate

than ourselves; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For our unrighteous anger, bitterness and resentment; for all lies, gossip, and

slander against our neighbors. Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give

of ourselves in love; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of

worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our

failure to heed your call. Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice

and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for

those who come after us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all un-

charitable thoughts toward our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For our negligence in prayer and worship; for our presumption and abuse of

your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have

mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Reader: For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

All then pray:

Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words Remain kneeling.

The Officiant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying:

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace All stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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

People: And with your Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer (7AM & NOON SERVICES ONLY)

All kneel and pray together.

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray.

People: O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart: that desiring you, we may seek you; and that seeking you, we may find you; and that finding you, we may love you; and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing (7AM AND NOON SERVICES ONLY) Remain kneeling.

The Procession (7AM AND NOON SERVICES ONLY) The procession departs in silence marking the end of the service. The people depart in silence.

7AM & NOON SERVICES CONCLUDE AT THIS TIME.

The 7PM SERVICE CONTINUES WITH HOLY COMMUNION.

The Holy Communion

You can now give your tithes or pledges by texting SPAC to 73256 followed by your desired gift amount, e.g. SPAC \$50.

At the Offertory Tu solus C. Garven

Becky Thompson, soloist

Dominus Deus tu solus fidelis (Lord, You alone are faithful)
Great is Thy faithfulness. Tu solus (Thou alone)
Mercies are renewed morning by morning.
O praise the Lord!Tu solus (Thou alone)
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Presentation Hymn 474 All stand.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

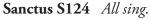
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

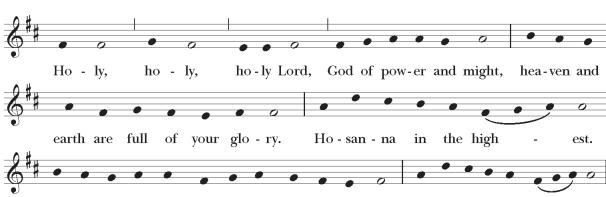
Celebrant:

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



D. Hurd



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

All kneel.

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

People: 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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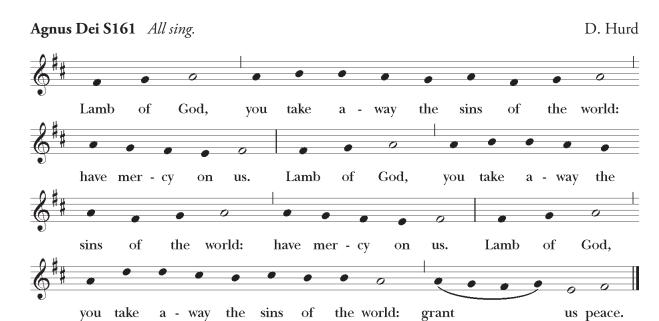
Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



Communion Music Arioso J. S. Bach

Communion Instructions

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. Anyone may come forward for a blessing in lieu of Communion.

Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.

An usher will release the aisles to come forward for Communion. A verger will direct you to the altar rail where a priest will place a wafer in your hands. If you would like to dip the wafer into the wine, hold it so it is visible and the first chalice bearer will offer you the intinction chalice for you to do so. If you would like to drink from the common cup, consume the bread and drink from the chalice offered by the second chalice bearer.

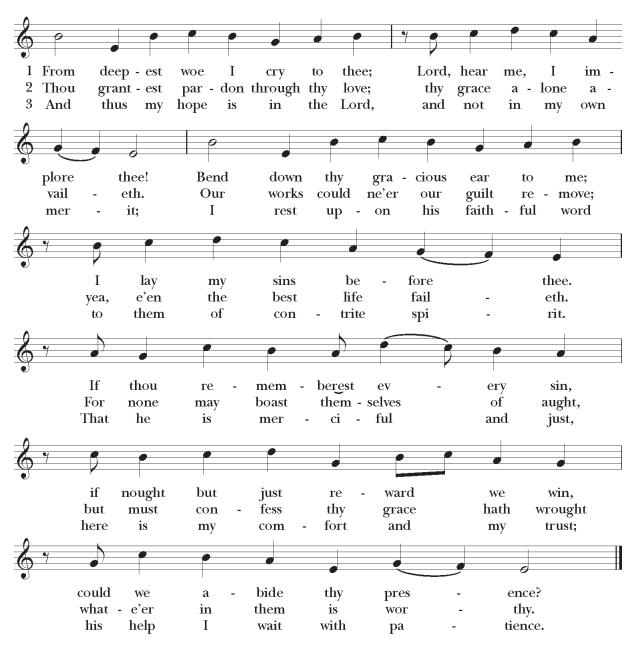
Gluten-free wafers are available from the acolytes in front of the pulpit or the lectern. Once you have obtained your wafer, come to the priest for the words of administration.

Home Communion: If you are unable to attend services at St. Peter's because you are home-bound or otherwise unable, we can bring Communion to you.

Please contact Lori Thompson, LEMV Coordinator, at 1loriandmichael1@gmail.com

Communion Hymn 151

From Deepest Woe I Cry to Thee



Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.; based on Psalm 130 Music: Aus tiefer Not, melody att. Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Herman Schein (1586-1630), alt.



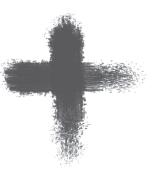
The Post Communion Prayer All kneel.

Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing Remain kneeling.

The Procession The procession departs in silence marking the end of the service.



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



SERVICES

9am Sunday* | Holy Communion in Contemporary Language
11:15am Sunday | Holy Communion in Traditional Language
5pm Sunday | Holy Communion in Contemporary Language | St. Mary's Chapel
12:10pm Wednesday | Holy Communion & Prayers of Healing | Chancel
5:30pm Wednesday (during class semester) | Choral Evensong | Chancel
9am Monday-Friday | Morning Prayer | Chancel
4:30pm Monday | Tuesday | Thursday | Evening Prayer | Chancel
*Service is live-streamed on our YouTube channel | YouTube.com/StPetersFL

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