

A Journey Through Lent



Wednesday, February 14, 2018

12:00 Noon

Ash Wednesday



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

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Lenten Services Sponsored by
The North Dare Ministerial Association

This is God's House! All are Welcome!

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The Order of Service for the Lord's Day

As people enter the Sanctuary they are encouraged to greet one another and share the gifts of friendship and love. When the prelude begins, all are invited to begin personal preparation for worship. As a kindness to fellow worshippers, please silence all electronic devices.

◆ = Congregation Standing as Able

~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: "Prelude in Eb"Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

◆THE HYMN NO. 769: "Lord, Who throughout, These Forty Days"ST. FLAVIAN

THE OPENING PRAYER

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 PSALM..... 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.

THE GOSPEL LESSONMatthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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 REFLECTION The Rev. Thomas Wilson

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 then kept for a time.....

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.

THE PSALM..... Psalm 51 / Miserere mei, Deus

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

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Celebrant and People together,

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.**

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.

◆THE HYMN NO. 212: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”MARTYRDOM

THE BENEDICTION

Gracious God we ask you to bless the food that had been prepared for us, the hands that prepared it and the time we spend together in fellowship knowing that life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us; so be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Send us in peace to love and serve the you in Christ’s name.

Thanks be to God.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”.....I. Conkey / arr. Evans

Please join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service for a lunch prepared by the All Saints’ Episcopal Church.
The cost of the lunch \$5.00.

Wednesday Lenten Worship Service Schedule

Outer Banks Presbyterian has proudly hosted community Lenten Service sponsored by the Dare County Ministerial Association for many years. The services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 12:00 noon and will continue through March 28. There is a service in the sanctuary followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall. The cost of the lunch is \$5.00 and the proceeds go to the Beach Food Pantry. All are invited to these services of music and reflection. The schedule for the 2018 Lenten season is as follows:

February 14 Ash Wednesday

The Rev. Tom Wilson, Speaker
from All Saints' Episcopal Church
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Luncheon

February 21

The Rev. Nick Hodsdon, Speaker
from United Church of Christ
Dare County Ministerial Association, Luncheon

February 28

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Speaker
from Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Women, Luncheon

March 7

Chaplain Cherri Wheeler, Speaker
from Kitty Hawk Baptist Church
Kitty Hawk Baptist Church, Luncheon

March 14

The Rev. Keith Dey, Speaker
from Emmanuel Lutheran Church
St. Andrews' Episcopal Church, Luncheon

March 21

The Rev. Charles Daly, Speaker
from Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, Luncheon

March 28

The Rev. Spottswood Graves, Speaker
from Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Luncheon

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