

# CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Cashiers, North Carolina*



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**18 FEBRUARY 2026 | 5:00 PM**

# *Welcome*

*We welcome all who are worshipping with Christ Anglican Church today. We are thankful for God's Spirit joining us together in corporate worship.*

## **CONCERNING ASH WEDNESDAY**

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 3:19b).

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.

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* arr. G. Sikes

THE WELCOME

*The People are invited to stand and sing the processional hymn.*

THE PROCESSION *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* WRH 252

*The People remain standing.*

THE ACCLAMATION

BCP 543

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

*The Officiant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent saying*

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.

*The Officiant and people kneel. A period of silent prayer follows.*

*The Officiant then says*

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.***

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated for the reading of God's Word.*

THE FIRST LESSON

*Joel 2:1-2, 12-17*

Bible 617

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, <sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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? <sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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?'"

*Reader*        *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*The reader and people read responsively by half-verse.*

THE PSALTER VERSES

*Psalms 103:8-14*

BCP 404

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*

*long-suffering and of great goodness.*

<sup>9</sup>He will not always chide us, \*

*neither will he keep his anger for ever.*

<sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*

*nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.*

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*

*so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.*

<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, \*  
*so far has he set our sins from us.*

<sup>13</sup>As a father pities his own children, \*  
*so is the LORD merciful to those who fear him.*

<sup>14</sup>For he knows whereof we are made; \*  
*he remembers that we are but dust.*

THE SECOND LESSON

**2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10**

Bible 966

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

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

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

*The People stand to sing the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel Lesson.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN ***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*** (Stanzas 1&2)        WRH 506

*Deacon*        The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

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

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

Bible 811

“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. <sup>2</sup>“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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>“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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (Stanza 3)

WRH 506

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Nick McGee

## THE BLESSING OF ASHES

*The Officiant says*

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.*

*All kneel. The celebrant and people read in unison.*

### THE PENITENTIAL PSALM

*Psalm 51*

BCP 546

- 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 AND LITANY OF PENITENCE

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *Silence*

*All remain kneeling and say*

*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 uncharitable 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 pray together:*

**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

*The Celebrant says*

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 sincerely 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

BCP 113

*The Celebrant Says*

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. Matt.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

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* ***And with your spirit.***

### THE OFFERTORY

*All stand and sing*

### THE DOXOLOGY

### TALLIS' CANON

*Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow, praise Him all crea-tures here be - low;*  
*praise him a-bove ye heaven-ly host, praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.*

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,  
*People* ***And of your own have we given you.***

*All Remain Standing*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### THE SURSUM CORDA

BCP 115

*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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

## THE SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People Say*

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, 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.***

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 118

*The Celebrant then says*

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

***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 FRACTION

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 119

***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.***

## THE AGNUS DEI

BCP 136

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*People* ***have mercy on us.***  
*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*People* ***have mercy on us.***  
*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*People* ***grant us your peace.***

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. You may stand or kneel at the altar. To receive communion in the traditional manner you may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or you may dip the bread in the wine. If you desire gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.*

***The imposition of ashes will be offered as you come to the altar to receive communion. If you wish not to receive the ashes, please cross your arms.***

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 121

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

THE RETIRING PROCESSION

*Just As I Am*

WRH 354

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

**Sundays 9:00 AM** – Coffee and Donuts and Fellowship! Enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ before Christian Formation time.

**Sundays 9:15 AM** – Adult Christian Formation.

**Sundays 10:30 AM** – Holy Eucharist

**Wednesdays 5:00 PM** – Bible Study in the Parish Hall

**Thursdays 10:30 AM** – Women’s Bible Study at the home of Melisa Loudermilch, 338 Saratay Falls Drive, Cashiers.

**Fridays 9:45 AM** – Moms in Prayer Contact: Lisa Fore [lisafore21@gmail.com](mailto:lisafore21@gmail.com)

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