



February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

## Order of Service – Holy Eucharist II

*The presider greets the people from the back of the Church.*

*Presider* Blessed be God, Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit

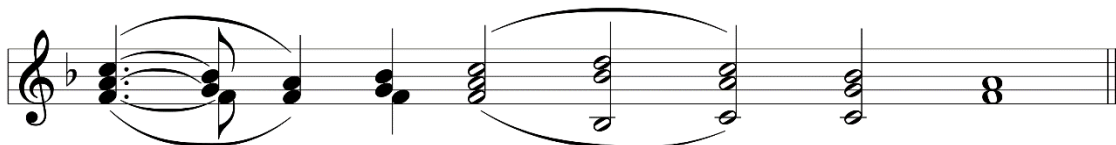
*People* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen

*As the presider enters the people sing.*

### UKRAINIAN KYRIE



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son.

### THE COLLECT

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray . . .

# The Lessons

*The people are seated. The text of the readings is on the insert.*

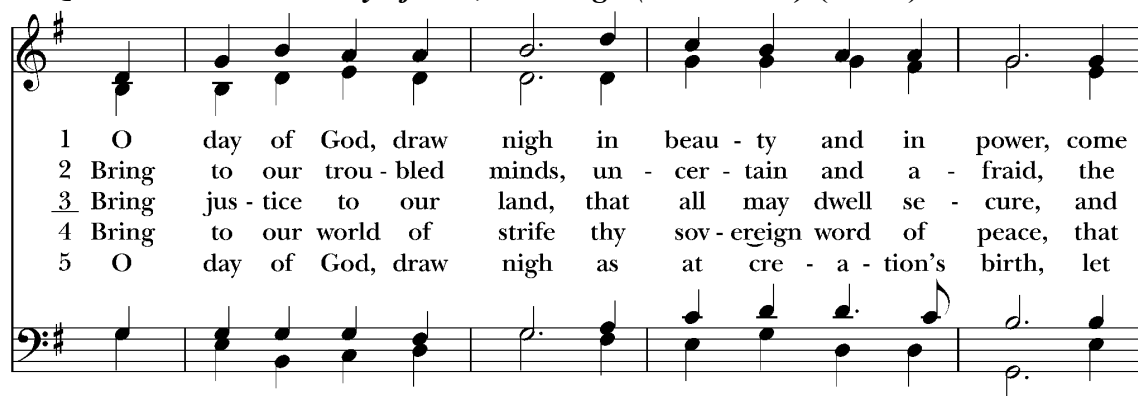
## FIRST & SECOND READINGS

*At the end of the readings the Lector says:*

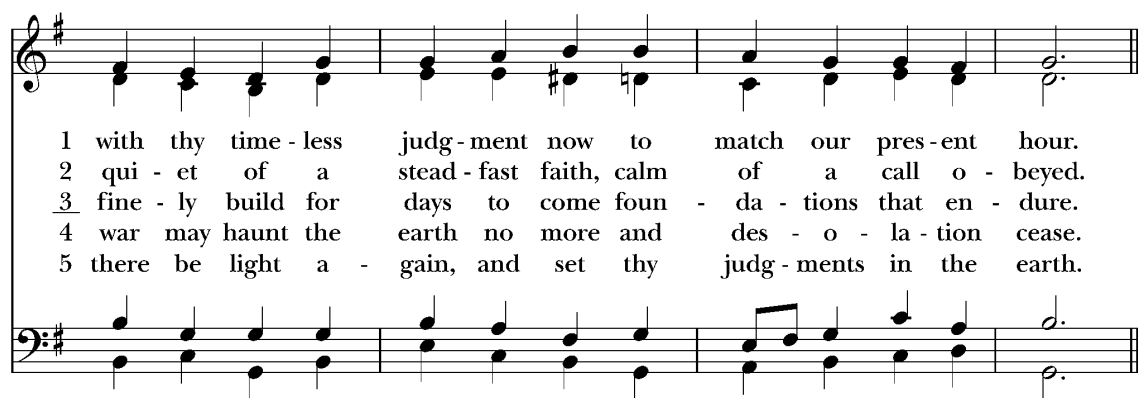
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## SEQUENCE HYMN *O day of God, draw nigh (St. Michael) (H 601)*



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let



1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

## GOSPEL

Priest: God be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: A Proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel proclamation, the priest says.*

Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE SERMON** — The Very Rev. Lewis D. Crusoe, Priest-in-Charge

## LENTEN INVITATION (BCP p. 264)

*After the Sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant or Minister appointed 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. 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, all kneeling if able or else sitting.*

## **BLESSING OF THE ASHES (BCP p. 264)**

*If ashes are to be imposed, the Celebrant says the following prayer*

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.*

## **IMPOSITION OF ASHES (BCP p. 265)**

*The ashes are imposed with the following words*

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

## **PSALM 51 (BCP p. 266)**

*Miserere mei, Deus*

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- <sup>5</sup>And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- <sup>6</sup>Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- <sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- <sup>8</sup>Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- <sup>9</sup>Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- <sup>10</sup>Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*

- and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>12</sup>Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- <sup>14</sup>I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.
- <sup>15</sup>Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.
- <sup>16</sup>Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- <sup>17</sup>Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- <sup>18</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

## LITANY OF PENITENCE (BCP p. 267)

*The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling if able or else sitting*

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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

*The Bishop, if present, or the Priest, stands and, facing the people, says.*

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.*

*All stand*

**PEACE (BCP p. 269)**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Verses 1,2, 4,5

### THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

ERHALT UNS, HERR



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e -
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con - sumed in
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To you be



1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
2. God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
3. from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's
4. fast and pray'r with you; Our spir - its strength - en
5. ev - 'ry pray'r ad - dressed; Who are in three - fold



1. things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.

Text: LM; *Clarum decus jejunii*; St. Gregory the Great, ca. 540–604; tr. fr. the *English Hymnal*, 1906;  
Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt. Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543;  
adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, alt.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## SANCTUS *S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)* (BCP p. 362)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## AMEN S 146 Amen (Robinson) (BCP p. 363)



## THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

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,  
forever and ever. Amen

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All the baptized are invited to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. Please follow the directions of the ushers. The Consecrated Bread and Wine are given to the communicants with these words:*

Presider: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

**Communicants Response: Amen**

## Ashes

1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the  
 2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we  
 3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let  
 4. & Thanks be to the Fa - ther, who

good we've failed to do. We rise a - gain from  
 of - fer you at - tempts, The gifts not ful - ly  
 heal - ing come to pain, Though spring has turned to  
 made us like him - self. Thanks be to the

ash - es, to cre - ate our - selves a - new. If  
 giv - en, the dreams not ful - ly dreamt. Give our  
 win - ter, and sun - shine turned to rain. The  
 Son, who saved us by his death.

all our world is ash - es, then  
 stum - bl - ings di - rec - tion, give our  
 rain we'll use for grow - ing, and cre -  
 Thanks be to the Spir - it, who cre -

must our lives be true, An of - fer - ing of  
 vi - sions wid - er view, An of - fer - ing of  
 ate the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of  
 ates the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of

ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
 ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
 ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Presider says.*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and ever living God,  
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 forever. Amen.

## Announcements, Blessing

### Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace, to love and server the Lord and one another.

People: Thanks be to God

*The people leave in silence.*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N., N., as *he/they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *he/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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