

Trinity Ash Wednesday 2023

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity is a new Anglican Church in Lafayette. Our mission is to live the gospel through worship, friendship, and scholarship.

Families With Children

To families with young children: welcome! We are glad you are here. Your children may stay with you in the service (we expect them to move and make noise).

Gatherings	DAY & TIME	Location
Trinity Scholars	Thursday @ 6PM	Church
Morning Prayer	Friday @ 11AM	Church
Women's Prayer	Friday @ Noon	Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning February 26th and continuing through Lent, we will have a Sunday school class focusing on the Lord's Prayer. There will be an adult class that will meet in the sanctuary as well as a class for children that will meet in the Family Center. Classes will meet from 9 to 9:45AM.

Trinity 101

Join Fr. Peter on Saturday, February 25th from 9 through lunch to learn more about Trinity. Sign up on the app, online, or with Amy Jeffrey.

	Old Testament	Responsive	New Testament
Ash Wednesday	Bill Cober	Dana Andrus	Skeeter Bell

All stand for The Processional Hymn



THE ACCLAMATION AND EXHORTATION

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

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 sin, 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 almsgiving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing he has made and forgives the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledge our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

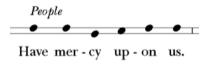
BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth; bless these ashes, we pray, that they 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 may come forward to receive the ashes, which the priest imposes with the following words: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives; Lord: **Have mercy upon us.**



For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves; Lord: **Have mercy upon us.**

For our unrighteous anger, bitterness, and resentment; Lord: **Have mercy upon us.**

For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love; Lord: **Have mercy upon us.**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord: **Have mercy upon us.**

For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for thy gifts, and our failure to heed thy call; Lord: **Have mercy upon us.**

For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord: **Have mercy upon us.**

For our wastefulness and misuse of thy creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; Lord: **Have mercy upon us.**

For all false judgements, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts and actions toward our neighbors; Lord: **Have mercy upon us.**

For our negligence in prayer and worship, for our presumption and abuse of thy means of grace; Lord: **Have mercy upon us.**

For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord: **Have** mercy upon us.

THE CONFESSION

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, which confess their fault, restore thou those that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. 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 now pardons and absolves all who truly repent and with sincere hearts 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.**

All sit for THE WELCOME

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

"Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who

gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;

you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;

build up the walls of Jerusalem;

then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;

then bulls will be offered on your altar.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand for The Sequence Chant

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom. THE GOSPEL Luke 8:1-15

Lector The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke. People Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN



Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true. Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.

THE BLESSING OF THE WATER AND THE REMOVAL OF ASHES

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with you spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

Eternal Father, we thank thee for this water as we remember Jesus' baptism and our own. Now send thy Holy Spirit upon us and fill this place, that by this water and the washing of thy word we may know the power of the resurrection. As we join in Christ's death, may we share in Christ's life, owning a clean conscience to the glory of thy name. **Amen.**

All kneel, and the priest removes the ashes with the following words: You are dead to sin, and alive to God in Christ.

Please stand for the closing hymn. BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE
Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look, and see him there, who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace! One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by his blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

THE PEACE AND THE BENEDICTION

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your Spirit.

Priest Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and

may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the Blessing of God

Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you,

and remain with you always. Amen.

As we go, we share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.



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