

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 17, 2021
ASH WEDNESDAY

Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.

Today is Ash Wednesday.

**Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on
the journey, please know that here at St. Matthias,**

All Are Welcome.

[pause]

**We enter into Lent with a hearts open
to create ourselves anew,
and to return to our God.**

**May we all walk these next 40 days and nights
with the Lord
in passion and praise.**

[pause]

**Let us now take this time to quiet our hearts and
minds as we prepare to be marked with the ashes of
humility and repentence!**

Music for Our Assembly

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You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins to bring them repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.....Wisdom 11

Gathering Hymn - In These Days of Lenten Journey

Refrain

**In these days of Lenten journey we have seen and we have heard
the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.**

We reach out to those who are homeless, to those who live without warmth.
In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams; we will clothe them in mercy and peace. **Refrain**

We open our eyes to the hungry, and see the faces of Christ.
As we nourish all people who hunger for food, may their faith in our God be renewed.

Refrain

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Responsorial Psalm - Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned, be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned...Psalm 51

Communion/Closing - Hosea

Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

Refrain

Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice, With tenderness, you shall know. **Refrain**

You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy. **Refrain**

Text: Based on Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16, 21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Norbet, b.1940, © 1972, 1980, The Benedictine Foundation of the State of Vermont, Inc.

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PRAYERS FOR THE MASS

PENETENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KRYIE (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy)

Cantor: Ký-ri-e, e-lé-i-son **All:** Ký-ri-e, e-lé-i-son

Cantor: Chri-ste, e-lé-i-son **All:** Chri-ste, e-lé-i-son

Cantor: Ký-ri-e, e-lé-i-son **All:** Ký-ri-e e-lé-i-son

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of

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Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. (see 3a) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my
offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
“Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.”

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Prayers of the Faithful

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Our response will be:

Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer

1. For Pope Francis and church leaders...In this season of Lent, guide them and Your people toward lives of prayer and repentance, we pray...
Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer
2. For global, national, and local leaders, especially those of our own country...Renew their commitment to the ideals of social justice, racial equality, and opportunity for all people, we pray...
Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias...May the ashes we receive today remind us to Live Lent more fully as Your disciples, worthy of our calling, we pray...
Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer
4. For the candidates and elect preparing to receive the sacraments...Help them use this time of reflection and discernment to draw closer to You, our loving Savior, we pray...
Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer
5. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish and school sick lists...Bless them with the gifts of hope and strength to face their daily challenges, we pray...
Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer
6. For those who have died, especially Austin Blachier...Welcome them home to the heavenly reward You have prepared for all the faithful, we pray...
Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer
7. For the intentions of those assembled today for worship...Hear our petitions and, in Your great mercy, answer them, we pray...
Lord, in your compassion, hear our prayer

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You,
and I believe your words, "Come to me all
you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will
refresh you."
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Announcements Before the Final Blessing

8:00 AM Mass

Both the ashes and communion will be distributed after the final blessing. We will adhere to the Sunday communion patterns, however everyone will receive ashes first and then will receive communion just before exiting at the doorways. So in total there will be 4 ministers distributing ashes and 4 ministers distributing communion inside of the church, and then two ministers outside the church – one distributing ashes and the other communion.

12: 10 PM Mass

Both the ashes and communion will be distributed after the final blessing. But unlike the communion lines on the weekend, everyone will come forward up the center aisle, receive ashes, and then communion will be distributed as you are exiting the side doors. So in essence we will have two lines up the center. Once the center pews have emptied, we will empty the side pews starting at the back pews up the center and then out the side exit doors. Once we have given everyone in church ashes and communion, we will come out into the front of the church building for outdoor ashes and communion.

7:30 PM Prayer Service

The distribution of ashes will follow the same patterns that we use for communion in the weekends. There will be two ministers in front center of the altar and one in the front at the top of each aisle.