



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18th, 2026

SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

	FEBRUARY 18	FEBRUARY 22
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		Jim Kelly
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Music	Jim Burt	Daniel Groth
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Sound & Video	Charlie & Jim	Charlie & Jim

WELCOME VISITORS!

There are visitor cards near the entrance, please fill one out and give it to an usher.

The nursery is available for children up to 4 years old. The nursery is the first room on the left going down the hallway.

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table.

A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

HOLY COMMUNION

UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Ash Wednesday

February 18th, 2026

Enter in silence

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

The Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, either here or following the sermon, 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 Celebrant and people kneel. A period of silent prayer follows.
The Celebrant then says the Collect*

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 LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

A Reading from Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (Page 761)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:8-14

- ⁸ The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering and of great goodness.
- ⁹ He will not always chide us, *
neither 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 great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.
- ¹² As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he set our sins from us.

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

¹⁴ For he knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10 (Page 966)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

“My Worth Is Not In What I Own”

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus

**I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone**

THE GOSPEL

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (Page 811)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN CONCLUDES

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross

Chorus

**I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone**

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THE SERMON – DCN. NAN JOYCE

PENITENTIAL PSALM AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Celebrant 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.**

Then ashes are imposed with the following words

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

Come forward for the imposition of ashes

Solo: "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

PSALM 51

- 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.**

CONFESSION AND LITANY OF PENITENCE

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God

Silence may follow. The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience;
for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those
we think more fortunate than ourselves;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

For our unrighteous anger, bitterness and resentment;
for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other
people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and
comforts;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

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:

For we have sinned against you.

For our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts and actions toward our neighbors;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

For our negligence in prayer and worship,
for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

For our failure to commend the faith that is in us;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against you.

The Celebrant and people then pray

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 ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Deacon says

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with your spirit.

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

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. *Matthew 11:28*

THE OFFERTORY

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following offertory sentence is said.

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. *Hebrews 6:10*

“His Mercy Is More”

Chorus

**Praise the Lord__ His mercy is more__
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. **[Chorus]**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. **[Chorus]**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. **[Chorus]**

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THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.
Praise Him all crea-tures here be-low.
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.**

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The People remain standing. The Deacon, from their place in the chancel says

Brothers and sisters, in the Gospel of Saint Luke we hear: At supper with his disciples on the night he was betrayed Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Today, we receive the consecrated body and blood of Jesus Christ, so that we might dwell in him and he in us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Deacon then says

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

The Deacon and People together 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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The Deacon and People together may say

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

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table. Gluten free is available please ask. Healing teams are available to pray with you during Holy Eucharist, in the back of the church.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



COMMUNION HYMNS

“Our God Will Go Before Us”

Our God will go before us
And guide us by His presence
What confidence this promise is
We will never walk alone

Chorus

**Our God will go before us, the Lord of Hosts is with us
O praise the One who leads us on
For His grace will bring us home**

Through unknown paths through shadows
Our hearts fear not tomorrow
For every step His faithfulness
Is the truth that lights our way

Though evil forms against us
All heaven will defend us
The gates of hell shall not prevail
For the battle is the Lord's ***[Chorus]***

Now send us with Your presence
And lead us on to heaven
Where songs of sorrow strain no more
And our every breath is praise
O let our every breath be praise

Ending

**Our God will go before us, the Lord of Hosts is with us
O praise the One who leads us on
For His grace will bring us home *[Repeat]*
For His grace will bring us home**

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, The Deacon says

Let us pray.

The Deacon and People together say the following

Heavenly Father, 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.

The Deacon says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL

All Stand

“I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say”

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

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I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I’ll walk
‘til traveling days are done.

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THE DISMISSAL

Let us pray

**O Lord our God,
grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart:
that desiring you, we may seek you;
and that seeking you, we may find you;
and that finding you, we may love you;
and that loving you, we may hate those sins from
which you have delivered us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF DAVID

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“The Holy Spirit has given us another window beyond Second Samuel, not only into David’s soul, but into the nature of true repentance... The best example in the bible of what a repentant heart looks like is in Psalm 51... where David models biblical repentance for us... It brings a change of mind about our sin which brings a change of heart toward it and a change in direction away from sin. This is what David models here for us in this Psalm.

“David’s prayer of repentance is in response to premeditated sin that he planned out intentionally and that he tried to bury to avoid the negative consequences... But these premeditated sins like what we see David responding to in this psalm are intentional betrayals of God. They may or may not be scandalous in nature, as David’s was. Those kinds of sins require a much more serious response in order to restore our relationship with God.

“Old Testament law in places like Numbers 15, calls these sins ‘high handed’ sins, defined as *‘a professing believer commits boldly and defiantly, not caring about the consequences...’* David is in the same place as the tax collector... ‘who would not even lift up his eyes to heaven saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”’ David is deeply grieved as he realizes what he has done to God and in verse 17 he calls this deep sense of brokenness over his sin and this radical and humble dependence ‘a broken and contrite heart.’

“A big part of repentance is a heart knowledge of the true nature of your sin and David brings that out here in two ways. First, he reveals the target of his sin and second, he acknowledges the manifold evil of his sin... “It’s absolutely critical that we understand that, as David reveals here, all of our sin is targeted at God. If you are not seeking restoration with God for this personal betrayal of God that lies at the heart of your sin - you haven’t repented of it.”