

## ASH WEDNESDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST with the  
IMPOSITION OF ASHES

February 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

# WELCOME



## TO ST. JAMES'S

**Parking** is available in our parking lot and across Walden at Santander Bank.

**Hearing devices** are available at both entrances to the church.

St. James's is a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith. No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours.

In this service of Holy Eucharist we give thanks to God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Educational programs afford parishioners of all ages the opportunity to engage their own beliefs and practices as well as those of others.

Empowered by God we go forth into the wider world to serve others in our lives, schools, and workplaces.

### HAPPENINGS IN LENT

**DOUG WILLIAMS RECITAL:** On Thursday, February 22, Doug Williams, Baritone, returns to St. James's for a recital with Alan Murchie, piano. General admission \$25, students \$10, and free admission for children 12 and under. Tickets available for purchase on Sundays after services or in the parish office during office hours.

**LENTEN COFFEE HOUR SERIES:** On Sundays, February 25 and March 3, join Alan Murchie after the 9:30 service for two forums reflecting on "The Way of the Cross." Coffee and refreshment served, and all are encouraged to attend.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Will meet on Sunday, March 17 at 5pm for dinner and activity.

**LENTEN HYMN SING & POTLUCK:** On Sunday, March 17 beginning at 5pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

*The service begins in silence.*

*All stand as the procession enters the church.*

## KYRIE

The musical score consists of nine staves of plainsong notation. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (first seven staves) and Chri - ste e - le - i - son. (last two staves). The notation uses a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, with long horizontal lines indicating sustained notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist, Kyrie Eleison* Music: *Plainsong, Mode 1; Mass 11, "Orbis factor," arr. and acc. David Hurd (b. 1950) Copyright: Copyright © 1979 GIA Publications, Inc.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. 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 Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people sit*

THE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 103:8-14 (*sung by the choir*)

The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

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

*The people stand*

SEQUENCE HYMN 693

Woodworth

THE GOSPEL

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

*Priest* The Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever 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. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit*

THE HOMILY

*The Rev'd Joseph J. Rose*

## THE INVITATION

*The Presider invites us to keep a Holy Lent.*

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.*

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.**

## THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*All are invited to come forward to the altar to receive ashes.*

*As the ashes are imposed the following words are used:*

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

*After the Imposition of ashes all kneel*

PSALM 51 (*sung by the choir*)

1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion  
blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

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

4 Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,

5 And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

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

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

12 Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God you will not despise.

*Kneeling, we pray together the*

### THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

*Presider and People:* Most holy and merciful God 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.

*Presider:* 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.



*People:* **Have mercy on us, O God.**

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, O God.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**We confess to you, God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, God.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to you, God.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to you, God.**

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, O God.**

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, O God.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Accept our repentance, O God.**

Restore us, O God, 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 Savior,  
**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

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.**

THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY

*We are seated during the offertory; oblations of bread and wine are brought to the altar and the collection is taken while the choir sings the Anthem.*

ANTHEM

*O Lord, Increase Our Faith*

Orlando Gibbons

O Lord, increase our faith; strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith.  
 Endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience, in all our adversity.  
 Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

Music: *Plainsong; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991) Copyright: © 1983 Mason Martens.*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of you Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those who sin against us.

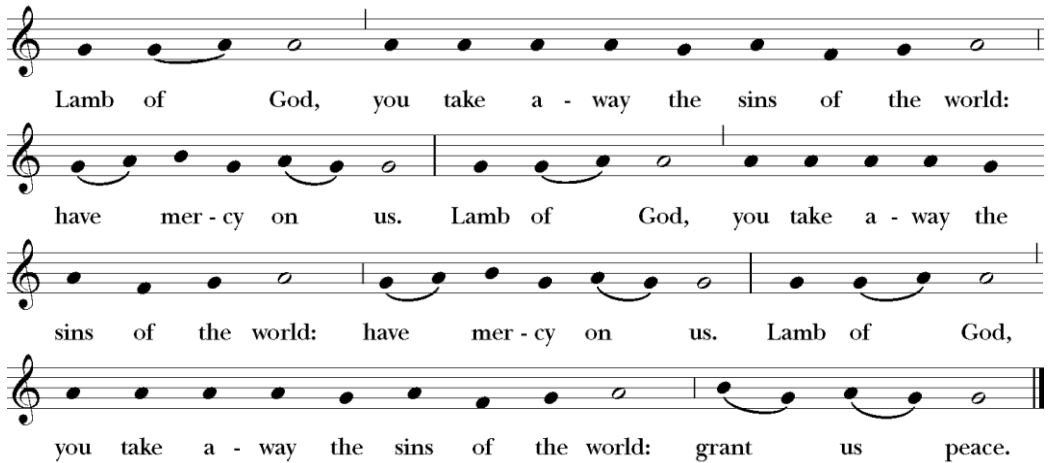
**Save us from the time of trial**

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power**

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

## THE FRACTION



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

Music: *Anaphora chant; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991) Copyright: © 1984 Mason Martens.*

## THE INVITATION

*Presider* 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.

## THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion.*

## THE MOTET

*Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

John Hilton

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
 lay not our sins to our charge,  
 but forgive that is past,  
 and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.

To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
 that we may walk in a perfect heart  
 before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Presider invites us to prayer saying*

We do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us pray:

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, deny yourself, and to take up your cross and follow him, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## HYMN IN PROCESSION 142

St. Flavian

## DISMISSAL

*Priest* Go in peace to Love and serve the Lord.

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

*We depart in silence.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev'd Joseph J. Rose

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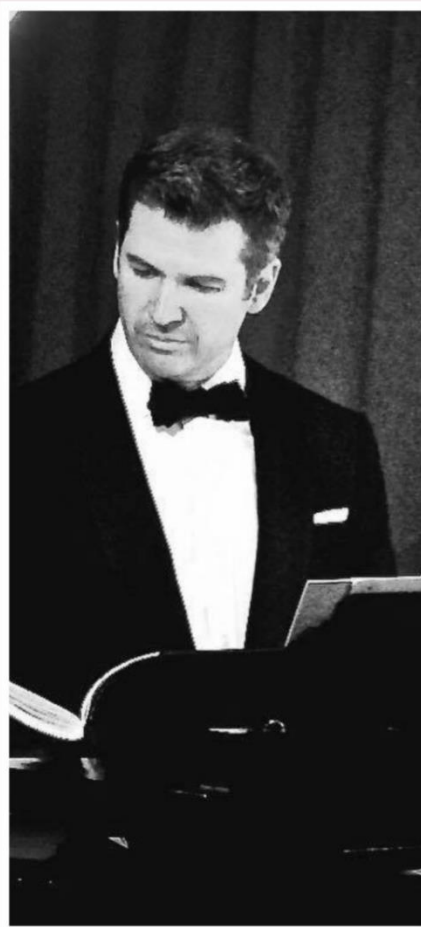
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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel  
 9:30 a.m. in the church

### WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel  
*(Breakfast served in the parish room following the service)*

### HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 p.m. First Wednesday of each month in the parish room

#### CLERGY

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