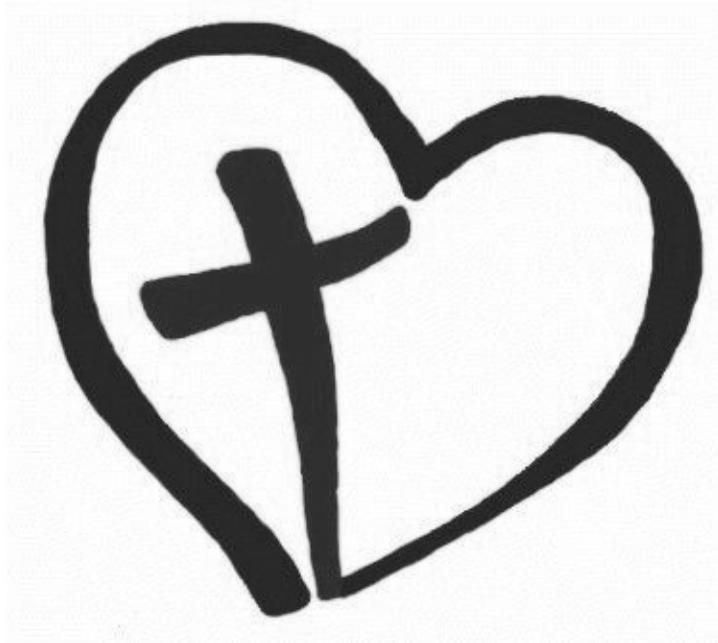


ST. JOHN'S  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PLYMOUTH



HOLY EUCHARIST  
AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

ASH Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14, 2018 12:00PM & 7:00PM

# + THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

## SILENT PROCESSION

*(Responses of the people are written in bold font through the bulletin)*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures for ever.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all who return to you; create in us new and honest hearts, so that when we open them to you and acknowledge our sin, we may receive your full and perfect forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

**JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17**

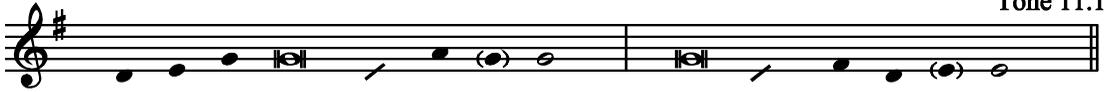
Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near--  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
nor will be again after them  
in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.  
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD, your God?  
Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
gather the people.  
Sanctify the congregation;  
assemble the aged;  
gather the children,  
even infants at the breast.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her canopy.  
Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
a byword among the nations.  
Why should it be said among the peoples,  
"Where is their God?"

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103: 8-14 (*spoken responsorially - 12:00pm; chanted responsorially - 7:00pm*)

Tone 11.1



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

He will not always ac-/cuse us, \*  
**nor will he keep his an-/ger 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.**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.



You are the pot - ter, I am the clay;



mold me and make me, this is what I pray.



Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*All are invited to participate in the imposition of ashes. Please come forward down the center aisle to receive ashes and prayer.*

*Psalm 51 will be chanted during the Imposition of Ashes (7:00pm only)*



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-/kindness;\*

**in your great compassion blot out / my offenses.**

Wash me through and through from my / wickedness\*

**and cleanse me / from my sin.**

For I know my trans-/gressions,\*

**and my sin is ever / before me.**

Against you only have / I sinned\*

**and done what is evil / in your sight.**

And so you are justified when / you speak\*

**and upright in / your judgment.**

Indeed, I have been wicked from / my birth,\*

**a sinner from my / mother's womb.**

For behold, you look for truth deep with-/in me,\*

**and will make me understand / wisdom secretly.**

Purge me from my sin, and I shall / be pure;\*

**wash me, and I shall be / clean indeed.**

Make me hear of joy and / gladness,\*

**that the body you have broken / may 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 Spi-/rit from me.**

Give me the joy of your saving / help again\*

**and sustain me with your boun-/tiful Spirit.**

I shall teach your ways to the / wicked,\*

**and sinners shall re-/turn to you.**

Deliver me from death, / O God,\*

**and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,**

**O God of / my salvation.**

Open my lips, / O Lord,\*

**and my mouth shall pro-/claim your praise.**

Had you desired it, I would have offered / sacrifice,\*

**but you take no delight / in burnt-offerings.**

The sacrifice of God is a troubled / spirit;\*

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

Be favorable and gracious to / Zion,\*

**and rebuild the walls of / Jerusalem.**

Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,

with burnt-offerings and ob-/lations;\*

**then shall they offer young bullocks u-/pon your altar.**

LITANY OF PENITENCE *(please kneel in body or spirit)*

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## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

# + THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE +

## THE OFFERTORY

*Create in Me*

7:00pm

Gwendolyn Emery-Owings  
SJP Choir & Joyful Noise

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presiding Minister:* Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving, O Lord. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples, friends and partners. With his outstretched arms on the cross, and through his death he bore our sins and through his resurrection we are saved. And through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and the apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and sing your glory:

THE SANCTUS (*spoken*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presiding Minister:* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night, in which he was betrayed, took the bread and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

The same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: 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. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**we commemorate his death on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection  
and we await his coming in glory.**

*Presiding Minister:* Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Return to God with all your heart.  
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the dessert.

*We welcome all to the Table set for us at the time of Communion. Please remain seated until an usher invites your row forward.*

*To receive the bread please put your hands together palms up in front of you. Then either eat the bread and drink directly from the cup of wine, or allow the server with the wine to dip the bread in the wine and place it in your mouth. Gluten-free wafers are available in a separate bowl. Please point to them if this is your preference.*

*If you are unable to come forward and wish to have Communion brought to you, please inform an usher.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The look upon you with favor and give you + peace.  
**Amen.**

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## **DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **SILENT RECESSIONAL**

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