

The Church of St Peter and  
St Simon-the-Apostle  
with San Lorenzo Ruiz

Ash Wednesday

March 1, 2017, 7pm



Solemn Mass & Imposition of Ashes

Celebrant  
Deacon  
Mass Setting

The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine  
The Reverend Christopher Dangpilen  
Merbecke/ Agnus Dei, M. White

Hearing Assistance Units are available  
at the back of the nave.

We remind you to silence your cell phone.  
Large Print bulletins are available – please ask a greeter.



**Prelude:** Wenn Wir in Höchsten Nöten Sein (BWV641)

J.S. BACH

*Please stand as the procession enters.*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

**Hymn:** 174 *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

FENN HOUSE

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. *(Please Kneel)*

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise 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 brokenness, 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Lesson**

*Reader:* The first lesson is written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the book of the prophet Joel, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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





- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own **chil**-dren, /  
 even so is the Lord merciful unto **them** that fear him.
- 14 *For he knoweth whereof we are **made**: /*  
*he remembereth that **we** are but dust.*
- 15 The days of man are but as **grass**; /  
 for he flourisheth as a **flower** of the field.
- 16 *For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is **gone**; /*  
*and the place thereof shall **know** it no more.*
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth  
 for ever and ever upon them that **fear** him, /  
 and his righteousness unto **chil**-dren's chil-dren;
- 18 *Even unto such as keep his **co**-ve<sup>n</sup>ant, /*  
 and think upon his command-**ments** to do them.

### Epistle

*Reader:* The Epistle is written in the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of St Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians, beginning at the 20<sup>th</sup> verse.

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, labours, 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 honour and dishonour, 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.

*2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10*

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel** *You are invited to stand.*

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

*All* **Glory be to thee, 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."

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

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*All* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes,

and ancient sign speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life and marking the penitence of the community as a whole. I invite you therefore in the name of the Lord to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and by mediating on the word of God. Let us pray.

**Psalm 51. 1-18** (*sung by the Choir*) *Miserere Mei*

GREGORIO ALLEGRI

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness  
According to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.  
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.  
Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:  
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.  
Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.  
But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts:  
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.  
Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:  
Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness:  
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.  
Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.  
Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God,  
Thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.  
Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew thy praise.  
For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee:  
but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.  
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit:  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.  
O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.  
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness,  
with the burnt-offerings and oblations:  
then shall they offer young calves upon thine altar.*

## **Litany of Penitence** – *please kneel or be seated*

*Priest* Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, 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.

*Priest* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*All* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Priest* 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.

*All* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

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

*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

*All* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Priest* For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*All* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

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

**All** **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Priest* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**All** **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us.

May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*Those who desire to receive ashes come forward, and the ashes are applied to the forehead of each person with the following words.*

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

## **Lenten Prose**

*Refrain:*

**All**



Hear us O Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us, For we have sin - ned a-against - Thee.

*Cantor* To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory; lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings : listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

### **Refrain**

*Cantor* O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father : Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial : cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

### **Refrain**

*Cantor* God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated : bow down and hearken to thy weeping children : pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

### **Refrain**

*Cantor* Sins oft committed now we lay before thee : with true contrition, now no more we veil them : grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

### **Refrain**

*Cantor* Innocent, captive, taken unresisting : falsely accused , and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

### **Refrain**



*After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling.*

*Celebrant* Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**All That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

*Celebrant* By the cross and passion of thy Son, our Lord,

**All Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, †  
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**All Amen.**

**The Peace** *You are invited to stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

*We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you – a handshake, slight bow or other form of greeting. Please respect those who wish not to shake hands.*

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn 180** *Giver of the Perfect Gift*

SONG 13

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant:* Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

*You are invited to stand throughout the prayer, or to kneel from “Holy, holy, holy” onward.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*Merbecke; Common Praise 682*

**All And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Who hast bidden us thy faithful people to cleanse our hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism, and renewed in the Eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in works of love. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*All* Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, *Merbecke; Common Praise 683*  
**heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**  
**† Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church,

remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son,  
his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee,  
in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting  
salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

**All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,  
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this  
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee  
to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through  
faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our  
sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of  
thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be  
fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,  
O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

*Music by John Merbecke*

*All* Our\_ Fa-ther, who art in heav-en. Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-dom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our  
dai-ly bread; And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-  
pass a-gainst us; And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us  
from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry, For ev-er and  
ev-er. A men.

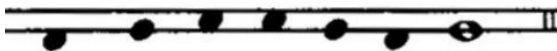
## Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant*



Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*All*



There-fore let us keep the feast.

## Agnus Dei

MAURICE WHITE

*Choir* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

## Communion

***ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. If you would like to receive a blessing please cross your arms over your chest. Those receiving the chalice should assist the Chalice Bearer by grasping the base and guiding it to their lips. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice you may cross your arms over your chest or make a sign of reverence by touching the base of the chalice when it is presented to you. Please do not dip the wafer in the chalice. In receiving the bread alone you receive the full Body and Blood of Our Lord.***

**Communion Hymn 76** *Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee*

ADORO TE

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing

**Hymn 178** *Restore in us, O God*

BELLWOODS

## Dismissal

*Leader* Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Ich ruf zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ (BWV 639)*

J.S. BACH