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Bishop

The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee Diocese of Islands and Inlets March 5, 2025—12:30 Service

Ash Wednesday



The parish of St Peter Anglican Church and St Saviour Anglican Church is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Ligwi'da'xw people: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiakah First Nations; the unceded traditional territory of the Klahoose First Nation; the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the Homalco First Nation. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here; one based on honour and respect. We pray that we may live more deeply into the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

February 14, 2024—Ash Wednesday Welcome Land Acknowledgement

On this day the liturgy begins as follows:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The people pray in silence; then fellows the Collect of the Day.

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.

Readings

First Reading Psalm Gospel

Isaiah 58: 1-12 Psalm: 103 8-18 Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6.10 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Holly Finn Kate Fitzsimmons Holly Finn

Minister: Ash Wednesday Reflection.



After the Reflection, all stand, and the minister addresses the congregation:

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.

Ashes are used, and the following is said.

Celebrant

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an 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 reading and meditating on the word of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Psalm 51: 1-18 Kate Fitzsimmons

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offences. Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, * 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 judgement. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within 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 Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. I shall teach your ways to the wicked, * and sinners shall return 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 proclaim 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.

Litany of Penitence

The celebrant and people say together,

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.

The celebrant continues,

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.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

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, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

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

fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

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,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

If ashes are used, the celebrant says the following prayer.

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 you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

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,

People:

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Celebrant

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord, **People:** Bring us with all your saints

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

The celebrant stands and, facing the people, says,

Almighty God have mercy on 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. **Amen.**

The Peace is exchanged. When the eucharist follows, the service continues with the offertory.

Offertory Hymn: CP614 Forgive Us Our Sins As We Forgive

Celebrant: Thanks be to you, All: Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.

Amen.

St. John The Divine Anglican Church, Victoria B.C., Alastair Singh- McCollum

Let us pray.

Prayer over the Gifts

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.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their 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 the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: 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.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, People: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

The Lord's Prayer All: 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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread, People: Communion in Christ's body once broken. Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying. People: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. Lamb of God, you call us to the way of your cross; Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer after Communion:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP 512 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Dismissal

LA: Go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God





EASTER SERVICES

- April 14 at 12:30 pm: A Service of Penitence & Holy Communion
- April 15 at 12:30 pm: Guided Meditation
- April 16 at 12:30 pm: Holy communion with prayers and healing
- April 17 at 12:30 pm: Maundy Thursday service
- April 18, 10 am: Liturgy for Good Friday
- April 18, 12 noon to 3 pm: The Seven Last Words of Jesus
- April 19 at 6 pm: The Great Vigil
- April 20, 6:30 am: Sunrise Easter Service at Rotary Beach Park
- April 20, 10 am: Easter Celebration with Holy communion

WELCOME!

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