

Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes ~ Holy Eucharist Rite Two

The Beginning of Lent



"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth ... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

February 18, 2026 ~ 6:30 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church

310 E. Noble Ave., Guthrie, OK

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(At this time, you are invited to find your seat, mediate, pray and observe sacred silence.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSION IN SILENCE

(Please stand as you are able.)

THE PROPER LITURGY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

(On this day, the Presider begins the liturgy with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day.)

SALUTATION

BCP 264

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

(The people sit)

Lector: A reading from the book of the Prophet Joel.

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?'

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

THE PSALM

PSALM 103:8-14

Lector The Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

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

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor 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 is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

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

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

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

THE SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20B-6:10

Lector: A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

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.

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

*“The Glory of These Forty Days”
(verses 1-2 before Gospel; verses 3-5 after Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **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."

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. ROBBY TRAMMELL

THE INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF HOLY LENT

(After the Sermon, all stand, and the Minister appointed invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, 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. 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.)

BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(The congregation is invited to the Font as the Celebrant blesses the ashes, saying the following)

Celebrant 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 congregation comes forward to receive ashes on their foreheads.
The ashes are imposed with the following words)*

Celebrant “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

(After receiving ashes, you may return to your seat)

PSALM 51

BCP 266

Lector Let us read Psalm 51 responsively by whole verse.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling.)

- All* **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.**
- Celebrant 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, Lord.**
- Celebrant 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.
- People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- Celebrant We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
- People* **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
- People* **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
- People* **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
- People* **We confess to you, Lord.**
- Celebrant Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
- People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

Celebrant 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,

People Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

People Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

People Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Celebrant Accomplish in us 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 to the joy of his resurrection.

(The Priest, stands and, facing the people, says)

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant “For God 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.” (2 Col.)

OFFERTORY HYMN

HYMN 411

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul!”

PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 380

(verse 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye
heav’nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A, BCP 361

(The People remain standing, if able)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give thanks and praise.

(Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds)

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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 AND BENEDICTUS

HYMN S-129

**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.**

(The people stand or kneel, if able)

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant 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 your 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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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

(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.)

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

HYMN S-158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.”

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All baptized, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive wine and bread from the Lord’s table at the altar rail or the standing station near the pulpit.

(Cross your arms over your chest if you prefer to receive only a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available for those who request it. Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to where you are seated.)

PRAYER CANDLE LIGHTING

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a silent prayer of need or thanksgiving while lighting a candle and then placing it in the sand container at the front.

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMN 574

“Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel”

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, 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 nads eve you as fairful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

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

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 559

“Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us”

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Season of Lent ~ Feb. 18 to April 4

The season of Lent is a time of reflection, discipline, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and spans forty days, not including Sundays, concluding on Holy Saturday. This period mirrors the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, where he fasted and was tempted by Satan, as well as the forty years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness. Lent is a time for Christians to engage in practices that draw them closer to God. Traditionally, this includes self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditating on God's holy Word. These disciplines help us prepare our hearts and minds for the journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the cross. During Lent, we are reminded of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and the need for all Christians to renew their repentance and faith. This season also serves as a time of preparation for those who are to be baptized at Easter, as well as a time for the faithful to be reconciled to the Church. As we journey through Lent, let us take this opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and to prepare ourselves to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection.

What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, a period of forty days dedicated to repentance, reflection, and preparation for Easter. It is named for the practice of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshippers as a sign of penitence and a reminder of our mortality. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are typically made from the burned palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. During the service, the ashes are imposed with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," echoing the biblical theme of our human mortality and the call to repentance. Ash Wednesday is observed as a day of fasting and prayer. It invites us to begin the Lenten journey with a spirit of humility and self-examination. As we receive the ashes, we are reminded of our need for God's grace and forgiveness, and we are called to turn away from sin and embrace a life of faith and devotion. The liturgy for Ash Wednesday includes readings from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Epistles, and the Gospels, which call us to repentance and renewal. The service often includes the Great Litany or the Decalogue, emphasizing our commitment to live according to God's commandments. As we enter this holy season of Lent, let us open our hearts to God's transformative love and seek to grow in faith and holiness.



Hope House 2026



LENT 2026



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.



1st Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026



Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026



2nd Sunday of Lent
March 01, 2026



Maundy Thursday
April 02, 2026



3rd Sunday of Lent
March 08, 2026



Good Friday
April 03, 2026



Laetere Sunday
March 15, 2026



Holy Saturday
April 04, 2026



5th Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026



Easter Sunday
April 05, 2026



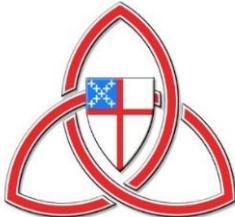


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10:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Holy Eucharist
12 noon ~ Wednesday Service with Holy Eucharist

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