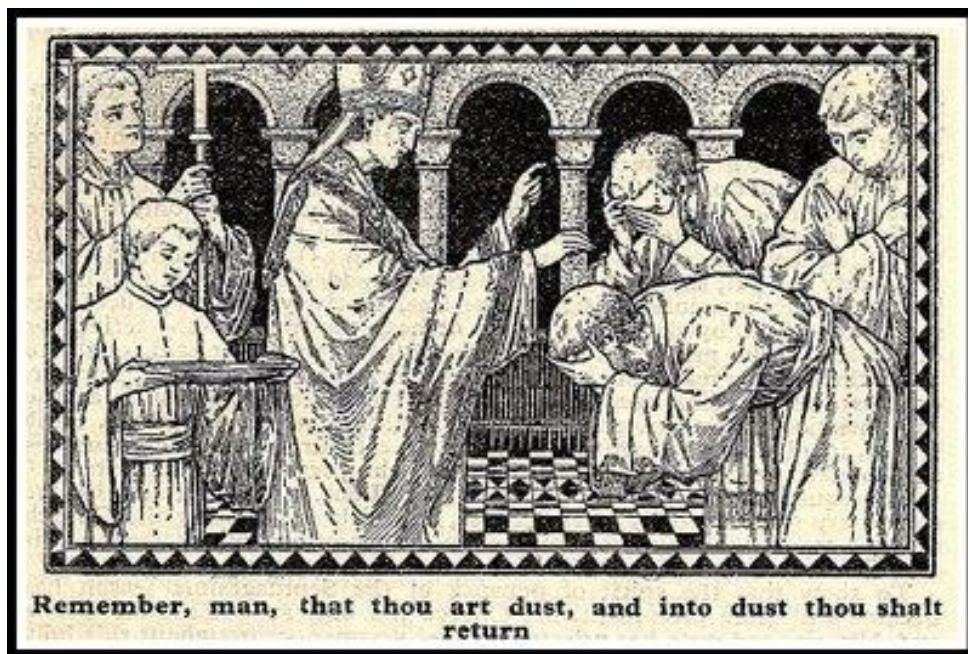


# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

22 FEBRUARY 2023

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both English and Latin. The Rood shows our Savior, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet restful spot where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share its benefit. Come in, rest, pray apart from the world. Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

All who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, are repentant of their sins and believe the Blessed Sacrament to be the true Body and Blood of Christ are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. We hope that you will enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers, responses and hymns. Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit.

**Restrooms** are located in the Parish House, and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit or by exiting through main doors and accessing the House by way of the side door.

**Pastoral Emergencies** such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one should be directed to Fr. Matt at 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner, so please do not hesitate to call.



## CONCERNING THE SERVICE

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a time of spiritual warfare, of fasting, penitence, and preparation for the Easter feast. Beginning in the tenth century ashes were imposed on this day upon penitent sinners in preparation for their restoration to full communion with the Church. Since the eleventh century, ashes have been imposed on all the faithful as a reminder that the wages of sin is death. As God said to Adam, “dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.” (Genesis 3:19b) But as we are marked with ashes in the same manner that we were signed with the Cross in our Baptisms, we are also reminded that we only have life in Christ, the second Adam.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

Sung Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes 6pm

*The Congregation stands at the entrance of the altar party.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**A**lmighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and kin in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sin and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**EPISTLE**     *II Corinthians 5:20-6:10*

*The Congregation stands for the Hymn and the Holy Gospel*

**HYMN 56**   *Kind Maker of the world, O hear*

*Jesu Dulcis Memoria*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**     *St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

## LENTEN INVITATION AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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. *(All kneel. Silence is kept)*

Almighty God, thou hast created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be unto us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*The people may come forward to the rail for the imposition of ashes*

Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.

**PSALM 51**   *Miserere mei, Deus*

Plainchant Tone IV, 4

## LITANY OF PENANCE

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to thee 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.

We have not loved thee 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.

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

We have not heard thy call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

We confess to thee, O Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,  
**We confess to thee, O Lord.**

Our lust, gluttony, and our abuse of others,  
**We confess to thee, O Lord.**

Our anger, hatred, malice, and envy,  
**We confess to thee, O Lord.**

Our laziness, intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
**We confess to thee, O Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
**We confess to thee, O Lord.**

Accept our repentance, O 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, O Lord.**

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 Lord.**

For our poor stewardship and misuse of thy creation, and our lack of concern for the generations to come,  
**Accept our repentance, O Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let thy anger depart from us;  
**Favorably hear us, for thy mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of thy salvation,  
**That we may show forth thy glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of thy Son our Lord,  
**Bring us with all thy saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.

He ✠pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts do 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 OFFERTORY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*Congregation*    **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*Thomas Atwood (1765-1838)*

*Turn Thy face from my sin, and put our 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.*

Psalm 51, v 9-11

## HYMN 210 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

*Schmuecke Dich*

## SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*BCP 333*

*Missa Marialis*

(Cantor:) HO - LY, (All:) HO - LY, HO - LY, -

Lord God of hosts, Hea - ven and  
earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo-ry- be to - thee,  
O Lord Most High.

Bless - ed is - he that com - eth in the Name  
of the Lord. Ho  
san - na in the high - est.

CANON OF THE MASS

BCP 334

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal 722*

AGNUS DEI

*Missa Marialis*

(Cantor:) *p* O Lamb of God, (All:) that ta - kest a-way the  
 sins of the world, have mer - cy - up - on us.  
*p* O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a-way the sins  
 of the world, have mer - cy - up - on us.  
 O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a-way the  
 sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

COMMUNION *Qui meditabitur*

*He who doth meditate on the law of the Lord day and night: will bring forth his fruit in due season.*

HYMN 417 *Lord Jesus, think on me*

*Saint Bride*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

BCP 339

*The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel and Hymn*

THE LAST GOSPEL

HYMN 59 *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

*Saint Flavian*



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A Parish of the Episcopal Church



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## Schedule for the Week Following

### Wednesday, 26 February

#### *Ash Wednesday*

- 7:30 a.m. Low Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes
- 12:10 p.m. Low Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes
- 6:00 p.m. Sung Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes
- 6:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

### Thursday, 27 February

#### *George Herbert, Priest*

- 10:00 a.m. Low Mass with Anointing

### Friday, 28 February

#### *Lenten Feria*

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:10 p.m. Low Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, 29 February

#### *Lenten Feria*

- 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

### Sunday, 1 March

#### *The First Sunday in Lent*

- 8:00 a.m. Low Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Church School
- 9:00 a.m. Ask Fr. Matt
- 10:00 a.m. Sung Mass
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

### Monday, 2 March

#### *Lenten Feria*

*Church office closed*

### Tuesday, 3 March

#### *Lenten Feria*

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:10 p.m. Low Mass

### Wednesday, 4 March

#### *Lenten Feria*

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Rosary and Low Mass