



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

## Ash Wednesday



**February 14, 2024  
12:00 pm**

*Offerings will be given to One Roof.*

*The Rev. Andrew Chappell, First United Methodist Church*

*The Rev. David Jones, Newnan Presbyterian Church*

*Fr. Stephen Lyness, St. George Catholic Church*

*The Rev. Matt Sapp, Central Baptist Church*

*The Rev. John Thompson-Quartey, St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

*David Kinrade, Organist*

## ***Ash Wednesday — Community Lenten Service***

*Hymns for the service are found in the 1982 Hymnal (Blue Book)*

### **The Silent Procession**

*The people stand, as able.*

### **Welcome and Salutation**

*Officiant*     Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*        God's mercy endures forever.

### **The Opening Hymn**

*Lord, who throughout these forty days*  
Hymnal 142

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*Officiant*     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.*

### **The Reading ~ Matthew 6:1 - 6, 16 - 18**

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.

## **The Homily**

*Adopting an Attitude of Humility*

Rev. Matt Sapp

*A period of silent prayer.*

*Please stand, as able.*

## **The Hymn**

*O Master, let me walk with thee*

Hymnal 660

## **The Invitation to a Holy Lent**

*Remain standing, as able.*

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.*

## **The Blessing and Imposition of Ashes**

*Officiant says*

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 ashes are imposed with the following words*

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

*If you would like to receive the imposition of ashes, please come forward following the invitation. Please come down the center aisle to the front of the church, receive the ashes and return to your seat via the side aisles. All are welcome.*

*After all have received the imposition of ashes, please kneel, as able.*

### **The Litany of Penitence**

*The Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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.

*The Officiant continues*

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.***

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.***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***People        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,

***People        Accept our repentance, Lord.***

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.***

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

***People        Accept our repentance, Lord.***

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

***People        Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.***

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

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

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

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

*The Officiant, stands and, facing the people*

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 Concluding Prayer**

*Officiant*                Lord, hear our prayer,  
*People*                    And let our cry come to you.  
*Officiant*                Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

## **The Closing Hymn**

*Forty days and forty nights*  
Hymnal 150

*The people leave in silence.*

*All are invited to a luncheon in the parish hall immediately following the service.*  
*The cost for lunch is \$5 per person.*

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# Community Lenten Services

**2024**

## **February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
*The Rev. Matt Sapp, Preacher*

## **February 21**

Newnan Presbyterian Church  
*Fr. Stephen Lyness, Preacher*

*Sign up for lunch at Newnan Presbyterian Church by calling their church office at 770-253-4405 or scanning the QR code.*



## **February 28**

Central Baptist Church  
*The Rev. Andrew Chappell, Preacher*

## **March 6**

Newnan First United Methodist Church  
*The Rev. David Jones, Preacher*

## **March 13**

St. George Catholic Church  
*The Rev. Canon John Thompson-Quartey, Preacher*

All offerings received at these services will be given to One  
Roof Ecumenical Alliance Outreach,  
[www.oneroofoutreach.org](http://www.oneroofoutreach.org).

All Community Lenten services will be held at noon at the respective churches,  
with a luncheon following. The cost for lunch is \$5 per person.



## **One Roof Ecumenical Alliance Outreach**

One Roof Ecumenical Alliance Outreach provides food, clothing, and financial assistance to those in need, as well as shelter to women and children at The Lodge. They also run a thrift store to help support their non-profit mission. Serving over 6000 families per year, One Roof helps lift up those in need through material and spiritual support.

St. Paul's has been a long-term supporter of One Roof. During this Lenten Season, we encourage you to give to this very worthy cause.

For more information about One Roof, visit [www.oneroofoutreach.org](http://www.oneroofoutreach.org).

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### **CLERGY AND Staff**

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