TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LITURGY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 NOON AND 7:00 P.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE AND HEALING



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Welcome!

Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time, or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are worshiping with us today.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS If you are new to Trinity, we hope that you will introduce yourself and sign

one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are located in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.

MASK POLICY Masks at indoor services are strongly encouraged.

In order to make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone **NAMETAGS**

> to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, there are stickers and markers at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of

reusable nametags.

KIDS IN CHURCH Copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons available

at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight some aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help parents talk to their kids about the theme. Please feel free to let your kids color and otherwise be themselves during the worship service. All are welcome as they

are, including kids!

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not

> printed in the leaflet can be found in The Hymnal 1982 (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in Lift Every Voice and Sing II (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand,

if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's personal

tradition, for prayer.

LITURGY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY WITH EUCHARIST HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 NOON AND 7:00 P.M.

*Please note: All music is for the 7:00 pm Service only

Please stand.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 264

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.

People Amen.

Please sit.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

PSALM 103 BCP 733

1	Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
2	Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.
3	He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;
4	He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
5	He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
6	The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.
7	He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.
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.
15	Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;
16	When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.
17	But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children;
18	On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.
19	The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

- Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.
- Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

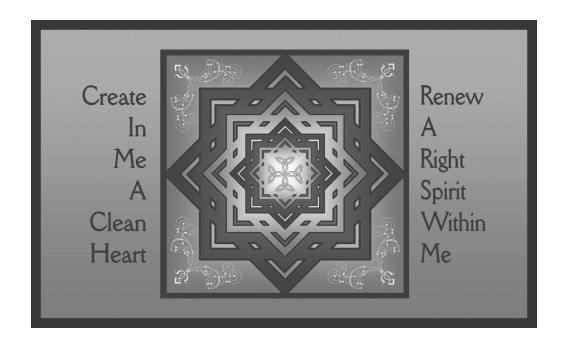
We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

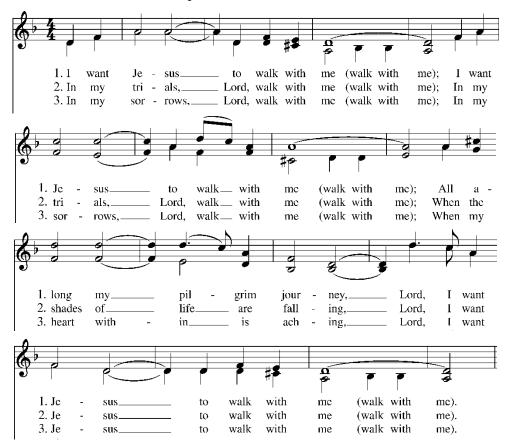
As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.





GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Gospeler 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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please sit.

THE SERMON The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith

Please stand.

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

BCP 264

Presider

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.

Please kneel or adopt another posture of prayer.

Presider

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.

People Amen.

You are invited to come to the altar to receive ashes.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Chant: Tallis/Landman

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 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.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment
- 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.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 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.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 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.
- 14 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.
- 17 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.

Please kneel or adopt another posture of prayer.

LITANY OF PENITENCE

All Most holy and merciful God: 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

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

of our lives,

People We confess to you, Lord.

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

People We confess to you, Lord.

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

People We confess to you, Lord.

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

work,

People We confess to you, Lord.

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

People We confess to you, Lord.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who

come after us,

People Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

People Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Presider Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

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

Presider By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

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

Presider

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.

People Amen.

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please sit.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior John McIntyre

Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Enriching Our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

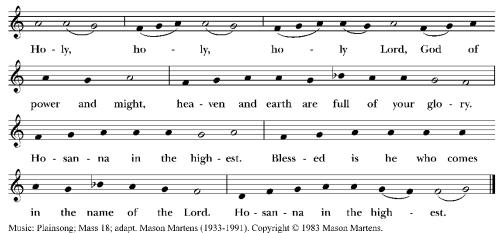
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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:



Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in the language of our hearts, *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 for ever. Amen.

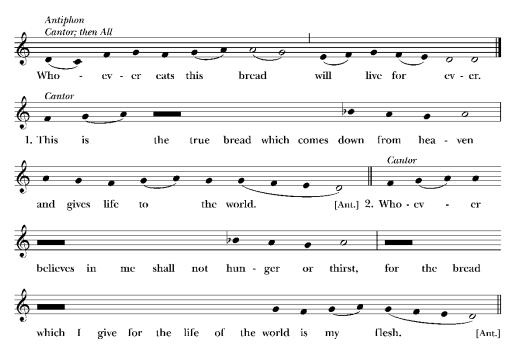
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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At the time of the administration of Communion, if you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available on request. Please remember that if you wish not to receive wine, receiving Bread only imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament.

Please sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

John McIntyre

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider

Let us pray.

All

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

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.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The service ends in silence.



LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Jim Bradley; Pat Bunker; and George Chien, Julio Flores, Michael Morel and Ismael Rubio.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; St. Timothy's, Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington; and Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

We pray for

The Swiatek Family Bp. Michael Curry Savdie Eggleston Viola Cleo Bradshaw Jane Wilson (sister-in-law of Kathie Wilson) Faye, Elizabeth and Hannah Aliene & their children Gladys Irizarry Elizabeth Pierce Fred Margeson Isabella Gevarra Cassandra Watson Sonia Watson Krystal Reid and Adrian MacLeach The Wallace Family Nancy Miller

Phillip Andrews (brother of Dianne Bowens-Waller)
Margaret Daniel
Tony Charron Vreeland
(son of Peter Vreeland)
Cheryl Russo
Winifred Costa
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Paulette McCurdy
Rhonda McKenzie
Carmen Belgrave
Kate Smith
Katie Reynolds
Tori and Trevor Henry
Louise Krippenstapel
Carlene Lewis
Judy Miller

Valentina Moore
Lindsey Tengatenga
Richard Green (brother of
Peter Green)
Donald Bowens (son of
Dianne Bowens-Waller)

Peter Vreeland

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+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith – Officiant – Noon The Rev. Horace Johnson – Officiant – 7:00 PM The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith – Preacher – Noon and 7:00 PM

Readers

Jon Widing (Noon) Martha Freimuth (7:00 P.M.) Suzanne Blancaflor (7:00 P.M.)

Minster of Communion Jacqui Lucier (Noon & 7:00 P.M.) Music Director Michelle Horsley

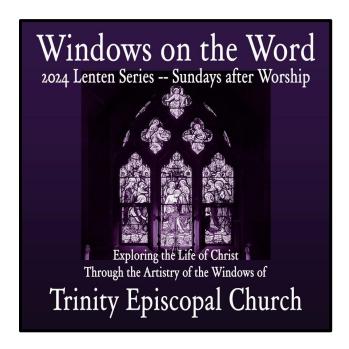
Virtual Vergers Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Church by the Pond - February 17

Trinity's next opportunity to participate in this ministry led by Christ Church Cathedral is Saturday, February 17.

- We'll meet in the Trinity kitchen at 12:30 to prepare bag lunches, entering through the outside door to the kitchen.
- At 1:45 we'll bring those lunches and new socks to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the worship service by the pond.
- We'll distribute our lunches and socks following the service, and finish around 3:00.

All parishioners and families are welcome! Please contact me if you have any questions, or to let me know you are planning to participate. Penny Pearson, convener: pennypearson@comcast.net, 860-243-0020



The Life of Christ in Trinity's Stained Glass Windows February 18 – March 16, 2024

It is simply human to stop noticing what surrounds us all the time, no matter how beautiful and meaningful our environment happens to be. At Trinity Church we have been blessed with beautiful stained glass windows which surround our worship space. The windows depict the life of Jesus, beginning with the Annunciation in the first window on the south side of the nave, continuing through his youth, his ministry, a parable or two, the passion story, and concluding with the Resurrection and Ascension.

The windows contain details that many of us may have missed, since we usually pass the windows on our way to someplace else. We have the opportunity during the season of Lent this year to join Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC) in studying the windows more closely, learning about the images that have been so familiar for so long. We will gather in the sanctuary at 11:30 on the Sundays of Lent beginning on Sunday, February 18, and George will share his insights about the artistry in the windows as well as the biblical and spiritual context of the images. Please plan to join us for this chance to enrich your Lenten practice.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, February 14th Ash Wednesday

12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist with ashes (Church) 7:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist with ashes (Church)

Thursday, February 15th

6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church) 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, February 16th

7:30 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Sunday, February 18th The First Sunday in Lent

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church) 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)

11:30 A.M. Lenten Series – Stained Glass Windows (Church)

6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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