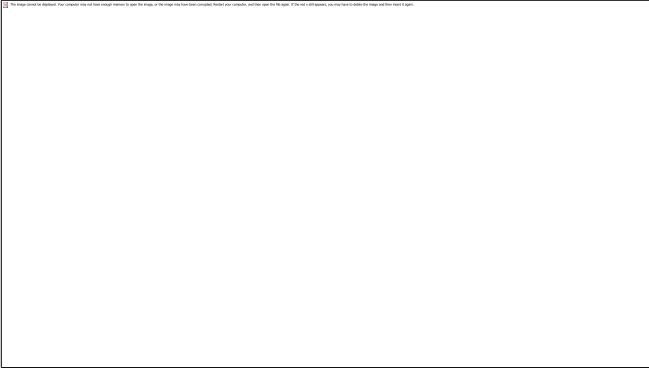


***LAST SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY
(Quinquagesima)
March 2, 2025***



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The liturgy is according to *The Book of Alternative Services*.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Scripture Sentence

Processional Hymn “Immortal, Invisible” CP 393

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
 thy justice like mountains high soaring above
 thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
 in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
 then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

- 4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
 all laud we would render: O help us to see
 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Text Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Tune ST DENIO

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

While standing, as you're able, let us pray,

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Canticle “Glory to God on High” CP 365

- 1 Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
 We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly king.
 We give you praise,
 almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

- 2 Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
 the Father’s only Son. the sacrificial Lamb,
 who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.
 Beside the Father’s hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

- 3 You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
 You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
 And now you reign
 with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Text Glory to God; para. Paul Gibson (1932-2022)

Music DARWALL, John Darwall (1731-1789)

Collect of the Day *as given by the presider*

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from Exodus.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid

to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. [NRSV-A]

Hear God's word for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord is king;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion; ***
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 **“O mighty King, lover of justice,**
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness
in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests,**
and Samuel among those who call upon his name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered
them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he
gave them.
- 8 **“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; ***
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

A reading from Second Corinthians.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. [NRSV-A]

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *"We Have Come"* CP 166

- 1 We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.
- 2 Light breaks in upon our darkness,
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet:

Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

- 3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Text Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-)

Tune O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said.

³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Fr Keith Joyce

Brief quiet time held for reflection

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People *Litany #3*

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Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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THE EUCHARIST IS CELEBRATED

Offertory Hymn *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.
- 2 Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King-all, all thine
own, Soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see thy cross-there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
- 3 Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
- 4 Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame-
The baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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Prayer over the Gifts *as given by the presider*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer *as announced*

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread *as directed*

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The Communion

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While the church receives communion, in silence take this time to reflect or pray or sit in silence and to enable others to do so, and/or at any time to join in the singing of the following music:

“Lamb of God” page 226

“Jesus, thy blood and righteousness” CP 629

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

- 1 O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Saviour,
And life more abundant and free!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.*

- 2 Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion,
For more than conquerors we are!

- 3 His word shall not fail you - He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well;
Then go to the world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell.

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

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Prayer after Communion page 214
Blessing *as given by the presider*

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn “Rejoice, the Lord is King” CP 379
Postlude

Those serving today's worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Susan Dole, Nancy Kerrigan & Lori Maker
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Lori McGovern & Carol Patterson
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Joyce Mitchell
<i>Second Reader</i>	Bruce MacLeod
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Presider & preacher</i>	Keith Joyce
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Susan Jack

Those serving in our outreach this week:

Sun, Mar 2, 11:45 am HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	No Lunch School is closed
Mon, Mar 3, 11:30 am HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	No Lunch School is closed

Who's serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

VERY IMPORTANT - NOT TO BE MISSED!

This week – the beginning of Lent – ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 pm we begin the journey of renewal. The season of Lent begins – it's ASH WEDNESDAY – in a service of **Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes**. Let us all come, one and all, to begin this journey together here at Good Shepherd.

As we continue to prepare for the journey of Lent, a journey of renewal in our faith and relationship with Christ and in which we prepare for the paschal mystery, we need to consider

intentionally and what we will take with us on that journey. As it has been done down through the ages, we will be invited to take with us: **self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**, and by **reading and meditating on the word of God**.

Through these 'items' in our journey we will experience that spiritual renewal of our souls and the life-giving impact of God's presence in our lives. It's helpful, therefore, to think ahead about how 'using' these items in Lent will impact our daily lives.

There is no journey quite like it!

THIS WEEK

Wed, Mar 5, 7:00 pm **Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes for ASH WEDNESDAY**

LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs, Mar 13, 2:00 pm L.I.F.T. [*Ladies in Fellowship Together*] (Small Hall) For more info contact Janet Brown at 506 657-7707

Sat, Mar 15, 9:00 am Vestry (Small Hall) For more info contact Terry Ricketts at 506 672-4696 or Susan Jack at 506 333-9931

FOR OUR WORSHIP AND LEARNING

Notes on Today's Scripture Readings

Exodus 34:29-35 After the destruction of the first tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written, God has invited Moses to return to Mount Sinai to receive replacements. While there, he has conversed with God. His face radiates and reflects God's splendour and power, so much so that he wears a veil to avoid overwhelming the Israelites.

2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Paul contrasts his ministry with that of Moses. He and we are able, thanks to Christ, to see God's plan fully. The dead letter of the Law has been replaced by the living letter of the Spirit.

Luke 9:28-36 While we do not know the exact nature of Jesus' transfiguration, we do recognize that it began with prayer and grew into a profound religious experience. Jesus discusses his departure with Moses and Elijah. He is embarking on the path of doing God's will, as Moses the lawgiver and Elijah the prophet had done before him. © 1996-2025 Chris Haslam

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 5 *First Day of Lent*

Scripture readings Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 103:8-18;
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Next Sunday – March 9 *First Sunday in Lent*

Scripture readings Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

NOTICES

Happy Birthday this Week to:

March 3 – Katelyn Pickel-MacDonald

March 8 – Bailey Anne Connors



PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of *March 2-8*

Mon: Prabin Yesuhasan, Esther Sheeba Rani and Family

Tue: Andrew and Barbara Aalund, and Sergiy

Wed: Ginny Abbott

Thur: Lynn Adams and Family

Fri: Programs of Gentle Path Counselling Services

Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Diane Cormier, Frances Finley, Ruth Northeast, Elizabeth Parks, Elsie Rusling.

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Paula Baldwin, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Bea Conley, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Ann Hoben, Kaye Mallory, Pam Melanson, Gordon Morrell, Michael Penchoff, Susan

Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle:

In March, we pray for the families of seafarers who are facing the adventures and perils of life alone.

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point and will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows best what we need! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry.

To initiate the prayer-tree ministry please call your request to our “Captain”, Ngaire Nelson 672-8666

ASH WEDNESDAY
That’s this Wednesday,
March 5!
7:00 pm - Imposition of
Ashes and Holy
Communion



Let us all come for this special occasion of worship to begin our Lenten journey together as a church family.

“To repent is to adopt God’s viewpoint in place of your own... In itself, far from being sorrowful, it is the most joyful thing in the world, because when you have done it, you have adopted the viewpoint of truth itself and you are in fellowship with God.”

—Archbishop William Temple (1881-1944)

May we each have a blessed and holy Lent!