

The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen
The Liturgy for Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026, 7pm



Mission of Nativity and St. Stephen

To seek and serve Christ through service to others.

To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.

To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.

To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.

To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

We invite your prayers before our mass begins. Please be reminded of the importance of Holy silence that prepares us to listen to God. Conversation, food, and fellowship following worship. All are welcome.

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant: 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 Lessons

Lector: A Reading from Isaiah 58:1 - 12 insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:8 - 14 insert

Lector:

A Reading from Matthew 6:1 -6, 16 – 21 insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon The Rev. Ryan M. Tobin

Invitation to a Holy Lent BCP 264

Please stand for the Invitation, which begins on page 264 of the Book of Common Prayer. After the ashes are blessed, all are invited to come forward to receive ashes.

Psalm 51 and The Litany of Penitence BCP 266

The Celebrant and People, kneeling, recite Psalm 51 and pray the Litany of Penitence, beginning on page 266 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Peace

Please stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Offertory

A collection is taken at this time. Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O God.

People: *And of thine own have we given thee.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray in the words our Savior taught us.

Together:

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 Grace

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*