



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SANBORNVILLE, NH

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2018

SERVICE TIME AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES 7PM

REV. SUE POULIN, RECTOR

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LECTIONARY READINGS

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JOEL 2;1-2, 12-17

Psalm 103

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

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SCHEDULED PARTICIPANTS

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L.E.M. Carole Connors

Lector: Kirsten Gowdy

Acolyte: David Moberg

Ushers: Ann Elkins and David Guinta

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Sunday February 25th will be Rev. Sue and Kirsten's last Sunday with us at St. Johns. Please join us in for a special coffee hour, after 10:30 service, as we celebrate the 11 years of ministry with us, and best wishes the new ministry ahead.

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Henri J.M. Nouwen, wrote this letter to Jesus in *The Road to Daybreak* (N.Y, Image 1990)

Jesus,  
Tomorrow the Lenten season begins.  
It is a time to be with you in a special way,  
a time to pray, to fast, and thus to follow you on your way to Jerusalem, to Golgotha, and to  
the final victory over death.  
I still so divided. I truly want to follow you, but I also want to follow my own desires and lend  
an ear to the voices that speak about prestige, success, human respect, pleasure, power  
and influence. Help me to become deaf to these voices and more attentive to your voice,  
which calls me to choose the narrow road to life.  
I know that Lent is going to be a very hard time for me. The choice for your way has to be  
made every moment of my life.  
I have to choose thoughts that are your thoughts, words that are your words, and actions  
that are your actions. There are no times or places without choices. And I know how deeply I  
resist choosing you.  
Please, Lord, be with me at every moment and in every place. Give me the strength and  
courage to live this season faithfully, so that when Easter comes, I will be able to taste with  
joy the new life which you have prepared for me.  
Amen. Synthesis for Ash Wednesday.

Peace  
Carole Connors

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