

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 22ND 7:00 P.M.



FOR GOD KNOWS OUR FRAME; GOD REMEMBERS WE ARE DUST. (PSALM 103:14)

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Thank you for being here. Whether this is your first time here, or you have been with us for a while, please know this . . . we are glad you have chosen to worship with us.

(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation)

Prelude – Bell Choir: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Welcome and Announcements

PSALM 51:1-17 (*read responsively*)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²*Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.*

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴*Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.*

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶*Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.*

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸*Let me hear joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.*

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.*

¹³Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

¹⁴*Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.*

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

¹⁶For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

Invitation to Lent

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Hymn – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Lenten Reflection- Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God, *forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We acted when we knew better. We were still when we know we should have moved. For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

Amen.

People of God, look to the ✠ Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life! **Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes- Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

(Everyone is invited to come forward when they are ready to receive the symbol of the cross on their forehead, if you are worshipping with us online you may use whatever you have available and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.)

These ashes are an outward symbol of true repentance, calling you to faith in Jesus Christ, whose death, burial and resurrection take away all your sins and give you eternal life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Choir anthem: ‘Throughout these 40 Days’

Prayers of Intercession

For Christians around the world assembled at the beginning of the Lenten fast; for greater understanding among the religions of the world; and for faith to recognize Christ as life's true treasure. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

For faithful leaders who call us to compassion for the poor; and for all facing affliction, imprisonment, unemployment, hunger, and sleepless nights. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

For the well-being of all creation; for earth's ecosystems; for plants and animals; and for rocks and soil. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

For the health of our communities; for an end to injustice, oppression, poverty, and homelessness. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

For this assembly; for a deeper awareness of our mortality; and for all who live with illness, addiction, loss, or anxiety. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

Reconcile us to one another and to you, gracious God, until we join all your holy ones in life everlasting. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ ***Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

*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, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Communion

Communion Song

You Are Holy

Du är helig

1*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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Communion Blessing

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen***

Hymn- "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (ELW 338)



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Blessing

May God bless you and shield you. May Christ shelter you and carry you.
May the Holy Spirit guide your journey + both now and forever. ***Amen.***

Postlude



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