

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021

Opening Hymn: 608 ss. 1-4

1. Lord, to you I make confession: I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression, Chosen for myself my way.
Led by you to see my errors, Lord, I tremble at your terrors.

2. Yet, though conscience' voice appall me, Father, I will seek your face;
Though your child I dare not call me, Yet receive me in your grace.
Do not for my sins for sake me; Let your wrath not overtake me.

3. For Your son has suffered for me, Giv'n himself to rescue me,
Died to save me and restore me, Reconciled and set me free.
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish These dark fears and soothe this anguish.

4. Lord, on you I cast my burden. Sink it in the deepest sea!
Let me know your gracious pardon, Cleanse me from iniquity.
Let your Spirit leave me never; Make me only yours forever.

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
CONG..... AMEN.

The Introit

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
CONG..... A BROKEN AND CONTRITE HEART, O GOD, YOU WILL NOT DESPISE.

Pastor: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your unfailling love;
CONG..... ACCORDING TO YOUR GREAT COMPASSION BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS.

Pastor: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
CONG..... FOR I KNOW MY TRANSGRESSIONS, AND MY SIN IS ALWAYS BEFORE ME.

Pastor: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
CONG..... WASH ME, AND I WILL BE WHITER THAN SNOW.

Pastor: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
CONG..... CREATE IN ME A PURE HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A STEADFAST SPIRIT WITHIN ME.

Pastor: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
CONG..... RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION AND GRANT ME A WILLING SPIRIT, TO SUSTAIN ME.

ALL: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

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The Address

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters of our LORD Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our LORD Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on his Word and draws from it life and hope. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of his beloved Son and in the power of his Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Pastor: God the Father, in heaven,
 CONG..... HAVE MERCY.

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 CONG..... HAVE MERCY.

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,
 CONG..... HAVE MERCY.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.
 CONG..... SPARE US, GOOD LORD.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.
 CONG..... HELP US, GOOD LORD.

Pastor: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and Passion; by your precious death and burial; by your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
 CONG..... HELP US, GOOD LORD.

Pastor: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

CONG..... HELP US, GOOD LORD.

Pastor: We poor sinners implore you

CONG..... TO HEAR US, O LORD.

Pastor: To prosper the preaching of your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

CONG..... WE IMPLORE YOU TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.

Pastor: To draw all to yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

CONG..... WE IMPLORE YOU TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.

Pastor: To turn our hearts to you; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

CONG..... WE IMPLORE YOU TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.

Pastor: LORD Jesus Christ, Son of God,

CONG..... WE IMPLORE YOU TO HEAR US.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

CONG..... HAVE MERCY.

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CONG..... GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

Pastor: O Christ,

CONG..... HEAR US.
 Pastor: O LORD,
 CONG..... HAVE MERCY.
 Pastor: O Christ,
 CONG..... HAVE MERCY. O LORD, HAVE MERCY. AMEN.
 Pastor: The LORD be with you.
 CONG..... AND ALSO WITH YOU.
 Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,
 because you hate nothing you have made and
 forgive the sins of all who are penitent, create in
 us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily
 repenting our sins and acknowledging our
 wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of
 all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness;
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our LORD, who
 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.
 CONG..... AMEN.

Choir: "God So Loved the World"

1. God so loved the world,
 that He gave His only begotten Son,
 that whoso believeth in Him should not perish,
 but have everlasting life.

2. For God sent not His Son into the world
 to condemn the world;
 but that the world through Him might be saved.

The Scripture Reading: JOEL 2:12-13

"YET EVEN NOW," DECLARES THE LORD,
 "RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
 WITH FASTING, WITH WEeping, AND WITH MOURNING;
 AND REND YOUR HEARTS AND NOT YOUR GARMENTS."
 RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD,
 FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL,
 SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE;
 AND HE RELENTS OVER DISASTER.

The Sermon Hymn: 449 ss 1-4

1 O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame
 weighed down,
 now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown!
 O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
 Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

2 What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain.
 Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place.
 Look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,
 for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
 Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for thee.

4 Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;
 Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.
 Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
 My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

The Sermon: A Wounded Savior for a Wounded People

The Post-Sermon Hymn: 611 ss. 1-5

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns
above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me— wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

3. Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to
heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

4. Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5. O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow
way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

The Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The Closing Hymn: 917 ss. 1-4

1. Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease;
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

2. Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

3. Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

4. Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

The Benediction:

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD
make His face shine on you and be gracious to
you. The LORD look upon you with favor † and
give you peace.

CONG..... AMEN.

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