
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Order of Worship – Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2021
7:00 PM

AS WE GATHER - As we begin this Lenten season, we once again hear that call to return to the Lord, our God. God says, "Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments" (Joel 2:12–13). Once again, we return from our wandering to our gracious and merciful God who has paved the way for us to be reconciled to Him through His Son, Jesus. "For our sake He made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). Because of Jesus, our heavenly Father rewards us with the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live lives of righteous service in His name.

PRESERVICE MUSIC **"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"** **by Thomas Janson**

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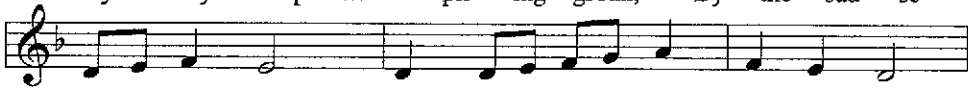
♯OPENING HYMN

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

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1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to

(continued)

pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing

from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:12–19

- P** *"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."*
- C** **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.**
- P** *Who knows whether He will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?*
- C** **Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants.**
- P** *Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say,*
- C** **"Spare Your people, O LORD, and make not Your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"**
- P** *Then the LORD became jealous for His land and had pity on His people. The LORD answered and said to His people,*
- C** **"Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."**
- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C Thanks be to God.

CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS

Joel 2:12

- P** *As we begin this Lenten season, we may not be wearing sackcloth and ashes, but we are heeding our Lord's call to "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." We join in King David's prayer of confession in Psalm 51.*

PSALM

Psalm 51:1–13; antiphon v. 17

- P** *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
C **a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**
- P** *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;*
C **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- P** *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,*
C **and cleanse me from my sin!**
- P** *For I know my transgressions,*
C **and my sin is ever before me.**
- P** *Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,*
C **so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.**
- P** *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*
C **Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- P** *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;*
C **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- P** *Let me hear joy and gladness;*
C **let the bones that You have broken rejoice.**
- P** *Hide Your face from my sins,*
C **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- P** *Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** *Cast me not away from Your presence,*
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P** *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,*
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P** *Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.*
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.
- P** *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
C **a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Genesis 3:19

- P** *Almighty and everlasting God, You spoke to Adam and Eve in the garden and said, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." Your people of ancient times wore sackcloth and ashes as a sign of repentance. We remember our sinfulness through the ashes and remember the gracious gift of forgiveness through the cross of Jesus Christ, our Savior.*
C **Amen.**

[Those who wish to receive the mark of ashes upon their forehead may come forward. The ashes are an ancient sign of mortality and death, sorrow and forgiveness, used at the beginning of Lent.]

DURING THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

SOLO SELECTION ORGAN INTERLUDE

*"Amazing Love"
"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

ABSOLUTION

P *Brothers and sisters in Christ, our God has called us to return to Him so that we might be reconciled and receive the reward of His forgiveness. The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C And also with you.

P *Let us pray.*

All: Gracious and Merciful God and Father, Your mercy calls us to return to You time and time again to be reconciled and receive Your forgiveness. As we receive this free reward, lead us to live lives of righteous service in Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

²For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Joel 2:13b

All: Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.*

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

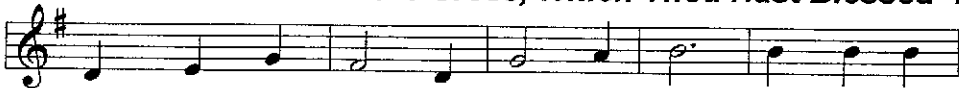
¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

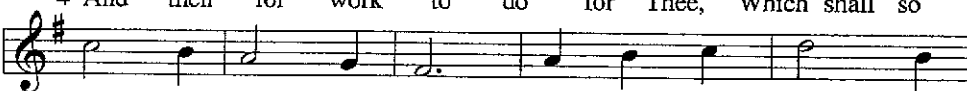
P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed* LSB 560



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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SERMON

"JUDAS, THE BETRAYER"

Luke 22:1-6

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I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITANY

- P** O Lord,
C have mercy.
P O Christ,
C have mercy.
P O Lord,
C have mercy.
P O Christ,
C hear us.
P God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.
P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.
P God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.
P Be gracious to us.
C Spare us, good Lord.

(continued)

- P** *Be gracious to us.*
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- P** *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:*
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- P** *In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:*
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- P** *We poor sinners implore You*
- C** **to hear us, O Lord.**
- P** *To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:*
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** *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, [especially . . .]; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:*
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** *To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:*
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,*
- C** **we implore You to hear us.**
- P** *O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are Your own; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*
- C** **Amen.**

PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Lift up your hearts.*
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, who has called us to return to you through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was without sin yet took on our sin so that we might be reconciled to you through His perfect life, death, and resurrection, in order that we might be brought to you with cleansed hearts and renewed spirits to receive our eternal reward. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*
- C** 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.

PAX DOMINI

- P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*
- C** Amen.

P DISTRIBUTION

ORGAN INTERLUDE
CHORAL SELECTION

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread"
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** *Let us pray. We thank You, Almighty God, for calling us to return to You, reconciling us through the sacrifice of Your One and only Son, Jesus Christ, and rewarding us with forgiveness, life, salvation, and Your continual presence. Thank You for nourishing our bodies and souls with Your Son's body and blood that was given and shed for us. Empower us by Your Spirit to live lives of service to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** *People of God, who have returned and are reconciled and rewarded, receive the blessing of our Lord. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and -I- give you His peace.*
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

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1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**POSTLUDE****"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"**

by C. S. Lang

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this evening:

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 Special Music: Christ Choristers, Beth Buss, Director
 Soloist: Kristen Hatton
 Mackenzie Egan, Flute
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Service Live Streaming Renee Ortado
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