

# ASH WEDNESDAY

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***"SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"***

**SILENT MEDITATION****PSALM 51:1-17** *Please stand.*

*Spoken responsively by whole verse*

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

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>**For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>**Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

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

<sup>7</sup>**Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.**

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.**

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

<sup>11</sup>**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

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

<sup>13</sup>**Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
and sinners shall be restored to you.**

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

<sup>15</sup>**O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

<sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**  
<sup>17</sup>**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

## **FIRST READING**

Joel 2:1-2; 12-17

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Return to the Lord, your God for he is gracious and  
merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *There is a Balm in Gilead*

ELW 614

## INVITATION TO LENT & CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another. Most holy and merciful God,*

**We confess to you and to one another,  
and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our fault,  
by our own fault,  
by our own most grievous fault  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

## **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

## **ANTHEM**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

*At the Lord's Table*

Rob Roy Peery

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## 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 him thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should  
at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...With this bread and cup

We remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim  
the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**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**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at the table! Please join us by coming up the center aisle and receiving the bread from the Pastor. Then you may choose to receive the wine from the common cup, or by picking up an empty cup and receiving the wine from one of the two pouring chalices. Filled cups of grape juice are available alongside the empty cups.*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

ELW 592, 629, 813

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## BENEDICTION

**SENDING HYMN** *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* ELW 321

## DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Choral Song*

Dorothy Wells



### Worship Support

Presiding Minister: Pastor Christopher Frye

Assisting Minister: Heidi Frye

Lector: Heidi Frye

Communion Assistants: Dick Foster  
&

Acolyte: Christina Yarma

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*Sundays - 10:00 am Holy Communion  
8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education  
Wednesdays - 11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing  
7:00 pm Prayer & Share via Zoom*