

Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023

Welcome

(Please stand, as you are able)

PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF THE DAY Compline LSB p. 254

CALL TO WORSHIP MATTHEW 26:41

P: "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.
The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

In silence go to the Altar, there with the Ashes make the sign of the Cross on either your hand or your forehead as a sign of sorrow and penitence. Then be seated.

HYMN LSB 4401-4 Jesus I will ponder Now

1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suffering, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

2 Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion.

4 Grant that I Your passion view
With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?

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P: The Lord the almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at last.

C: Amen.

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: To sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

P: To herald Your love in the morning,

C: Your Truth at the close of the day.

THE GATHERING Jesus Lamb of God

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

Silence For self-examination.

P: Holy and gracious God,

All: **I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sins I know-the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

C: Amen

ASH WEDNESDAY LESSON THE RESPONSIVE PSALM PSALM 51:1-9

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

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

PRAISE RESPONSE Holy Holy

1 Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love,
holy, holy, holy, holy.

2 Gracious Father, gracious Father, we're so blest to be your children, gracious Father; and we lift our heads before you as a token of our love, gracious Father, gracious Father.

3 Precious Jesus, precious Jesus, we're so glad that you've redeemed us, precious Jesus; and we lift our hands before you as a token of our love, precious Jesus, precious Jesus.

4 Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit; and we lift our voice before you as a token of our love, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

P: You have redeemed Me, O Lord, God of Truth

C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

C: and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SERMON Repent, Believe/Respond, Act

Text: Matthew 4:17

HYMN LSB 437 v 1-5 Alas & Did My Savior Bleed

1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,

And did my sov'reign die?

Would He devote that sacred head

For such a worm as I?

2 Was it for crimes that I had done

He groaned upon the tree?

Amazing pity, grace unknown,

And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide

And shut his glories in

When God, the mighty maker, died

For His own creatures' sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face

While His dear cross appears,

Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,

And melt mine eyes to tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

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P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; **C: Listen to my cry.**

P: Keep me as the apple of your eye; **C: Hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

P: In righteousness I shall see you; **C: When I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

All: We thank Thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept us this day; and we pray Thee that Thou wouldst graciously forgive us all our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night. Amen.

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.**

SONG: LSB 547 The Lamb, The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain **Worthy is the Lamb**

whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering. The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing. Refrain

4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretchedness. He lives, forgives, he gives me his own righteousness. Refrain

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P: Let us pray,

O God the Father, the fountain and source of goodness who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your children, but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to serve you constantly; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Guide us waking, O Lord, **C: and guard us sleeping**

P: that awake we may watch with Christ **C: and asleep we may rest in peace.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C: Amen.

HYMN LSB 744 Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace—how sweet the
sound— That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

2 The Lord has promised good to me,

His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and
snares

I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail

And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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