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Ash Wednesday



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Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am *Communion:* 1 st, 3 rd & 5 th Sundays

Adult Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:30 am (Grace Hall)

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ASH WEDNESDAY

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→ PREPARATION →

PRELUDE

"Joyous Litany"

S. Scott

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

setting: F. Ashdown

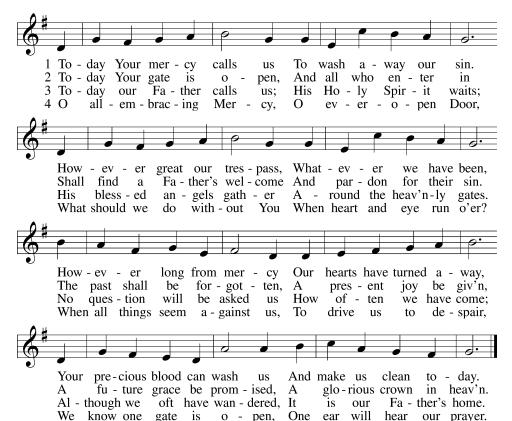
WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

LSB 915



INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 51:1-9

- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
- according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- and cleanse me from my sin!
- **P** For I know my transgressions,
- and my sin is ever before me.
- P Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,
- 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.
- P Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,
- and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
- wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- P Let me hear joy and gladness;
- let the bones that You have broken rejoice.
- P Hide Your face from my sins,
- and blot out all my iniquities.
- P On this day of ashes, we reflect on our sin-filled lives and seek God's forgiveness.

Silence is observed.

- P Most merciful Father in heaven,
- I am a sinner. I have no one to blame. The fault is my own. I deserve to be punished. I am truly sorry for my sins. Yet, for the sake of the loving sacrifice of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, I dare to beg for Your forgiveness. Remove

from me the guilt of my sin and wash me that I may be whole again. Help me to be faithful today, tomorrow, and each day, by the power of Your Holy Spirit.

- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

LITANY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

- P O Lord,
- **©** have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- **©** have mercy.
- P O Lord,
- **©** 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,
- **©** have mercy.
- P God the Holy Spirit,
- **©** have mercy.
- **P** Be gracious to us.
- **©** Spare us, good Lord.
- **P** Be gracious to us.
- Help us, good Lord.
- 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:

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:

- Help us, good Lord.
- P We poor sinners implore You
- 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:

- **@** 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;

to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;

and to have mercy on us all:

- **@** 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:

- **@** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- we implore You to hear us.

- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **G** grant us Your peace.
- P O Christ,
- hear us.
- P O Lord,
- **©** have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- **©** have mercy.
- P O Lord,
- **C** have mercy. Amen.

ADDRESS FOR IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P 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 borne 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 so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

HYMN

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

LSB 419



OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Chronicles 21:1-2, 7-19, 26-27

Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel. So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, "Go, number Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, and bring me a report, that I may know their number."

But God was displeased with this thing, and he struck Israel. And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. But now, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly." And the LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, "Go and say to David, 'Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer

you; choose one of them, that I may do it to you." So Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Choose what you will: either three years of famine, or three months of devastation by your foes while the sword of your enemies overtakes you, or else three days of the sword of the LORD, pestilence on the land, with the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me." Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is very great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel, and 70,000 men of Israel fell. And God sent the angel to Jerusalem to destroy it, but as he was about to destroy it, the LORD saw, and he relented from the calamity. And he said to the angel who was working destruction, "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. And David said to God, "Was it not I who gave command to number the people? It is I who have sinned and done great evil. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O LORD my God, be against me and against my father's house. But do not let the plague be on your people."

Now the angel of the LORD had commanded Gad to say to David that David should go up and raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. So David went up at Gad's word, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD.

And David built there an altar to the LORD and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings and called on the LORD, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering. Then the LORD commanded the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

SR. CHOIR, 7:00 PM Service, "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

PSALM



Psalm 51:1–13; antiphon: v. 17

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<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,
  according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy
  blot out my trans- | gressions.
<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
  and cleanse me | from my sin!
<sup>3</sup>For I know my trans- | gressions,*
  and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned
  and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words
  and blameless in your | judgment.
<sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
  and in sin did my mother con- ceive me.
<sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
  and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;*
  wash me, and I shall be whit- er than snow.
<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and | gladness;*
  let the bones that you have bro- ken rejoice.
<sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,*
  and blot out all my in- | iquities.
<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
  and renew a right spirit with- in 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 sal- | vation,*
  and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,*
  and sinners will re- | turn to you.
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¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

EPISTLE

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For 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. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE Psalm 45:2a

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.

[P [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.

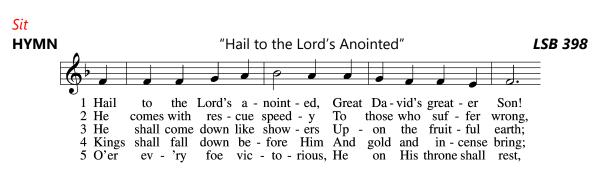
"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,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

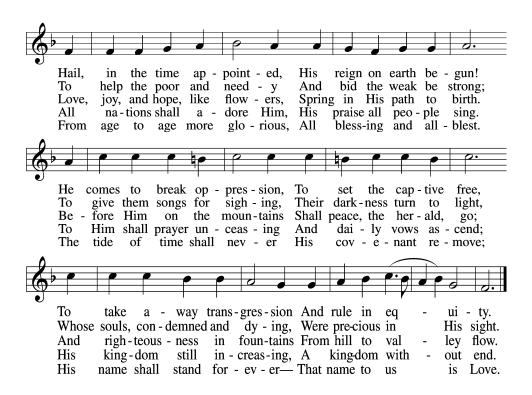
"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who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

"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. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that 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.

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

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.





SERMON

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The lieve 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 men 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,

the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray. O Lord, our God, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the mercy and grace that our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have known. We sincerely repent of the sins of this day and those in the past. Pardon our offenses, correct and reform what is lacking in us, and help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Inscribe Your law upon our hearts and equip us to serve You with holy and blameless lives. Grant that each day reminds us of the coming of the night when no one can work. In the emptiness of this present age, keep us united by a living faith through the power of Your Holy Spirit with Him who is the resurrection and the life, that we may escape the eternal bitter pains of condemnation. By Your Holy Spirit, bless the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments. Preserve these gifts to us and to all Christians. Guard and protect us from all dangers to body and soul. Grant that we may with faithful perseverance receive from You our sorrows as well as our joys, knowing that health and sickness, riches and poverty, and all things come by permission of Your fatherly hand. Keep this day under Your protective care all the sick and those who suffer, [including . . .], and preserve them

with us, securely trusting in Your everlasting goodness and love, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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"Prayer of Penitence"

arr. L. Smith

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★ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

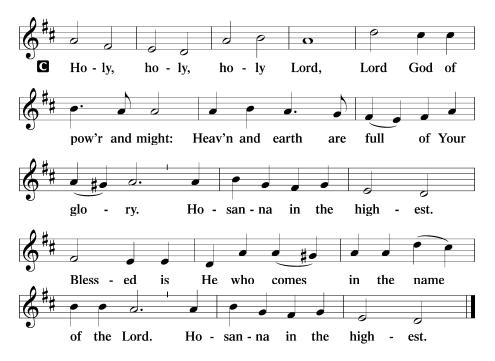
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**

- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **I**t is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son, the long hoped-for Messiah, to bring us salvation. Pour out upon us the gifts of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings joyfully and resolutely serve You in all we do. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

SANCTUS LSB 178



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

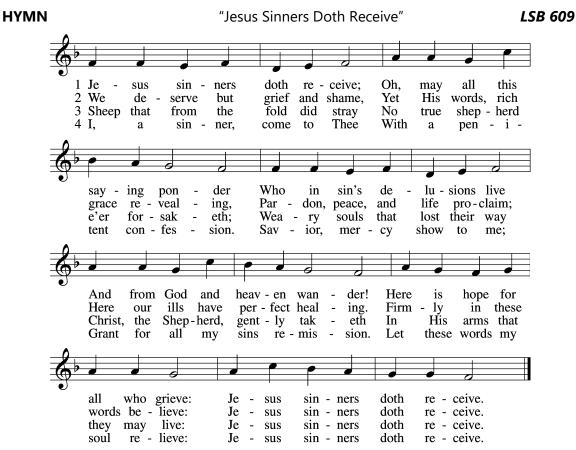
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us

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.

AGNUS DEI LSB 180







- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion; For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted. Christ hath purchased my release

- And my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. 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 repentant; 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

- 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.
- **G** Amen.



POSTLUDE

"O Lord, Throughout Those Forty Days" setting: W. Wold

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