



Ash Wednesday
March 6, 2019
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Prelude and Preparations

God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.-John 3:17

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
-The Jesus Prayer*

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. -2 Corinthians 6:1

***Prayer of the Day**

All: Holy God our Source and Creator, you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who trust in you. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, forgiveness and wholeness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Anthem Gabriel Fauré: Requiem: Introit - Kyrie

INTROITUS

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,
et lux perpetua luceat eis. and let perpetual light shine on them.
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, To thee praise is due, O God, in Zion,
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem. and to thee vows are recited in
Jerusalem.*

*Exaudi orationem meam; Hear my prayer;
ad te omnis caro veniet. unto thee all flesh shall come.*

KYRIE

*Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.*

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, in your Word you took on our flesh and redeemed it by the power of your Spirit, by that same Spirit make your Word known to us now in our reading and our listening. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

6 “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 5 “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

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

People: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Leader: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

People: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Leader: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

People: bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ’s resurrection.

***HYMN #739 O For A Closer Walk With God**

***Blessing and Sending**

Please Leave in Silence

Litany of Confession

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Leader: 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.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not listened 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.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

people : we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: we confess to you, O God.

6 But whenever 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 “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Meditation

Pastor Brian Entz

*Hymn

#421 Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life

Invitation to Observe Lent



Imposition of Ashes

Leader: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

People are invited to come forward to receive the imposition of ashes. A worship leader marks the forehead of each person with the ashes, using the following words: Gen. 3:19

Leaders: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

As you come forward please bring the papers on which you have written things you wish to let go of and put them folded or crumpled into the bucket by the front pew.

Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

People: and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: For I know my transgressions,

People: and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

People: so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty,

People: a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being;

People: therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

People: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness;

People: let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Hide your face from my sins,

People: and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence,

People: and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

People: and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Leader: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

People: and sinners will return to you.

Leader: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,

People: and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare your praise.

Leader: For you have no delight in sacrifice;

People: if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

People: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Leader: Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;

People: rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,

Leader: then you will delight in right sacrifices,

People: in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Period of Silence