

ASH WEDNESDAY

Imposition of Ashes

and

Liturgy of Holy Communion

February 25, 2009

12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING (Silent Processional)

GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

PSALM 51

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Christiansen (noon)

Brahms (7:00 p.m.)

INVITATION TO LENT

Kneel or be seated.

P: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

P: Most holy and merciful God,

Congregation: 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.

P: 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.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: 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.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

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

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

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

C: 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.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

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

C: 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.

C: 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.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

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

C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Amen.

Please stand.....

HYMN *Savior, When in Dust to You*

- 1 Savior, when in dust to you
low we bow in homage due;
when, repentant, to the skies
scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
oh, by all your pains and woe
suffered once for us below,
bending from your throne on high,
hear our penitential cry!
- 2 By your helpless infant years,
by your life of want and tears,
by your days of deep distress
in the savage wilderness,
by the dread, mysterious hour
of the insulting tempter's pow'r,
turn, oh, turn a fav'ring eye;
hear our penitential cry!
- 3 By your hour of dire despair,
by your agony of prayer,
by the cross, the nail, the thorn,
piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
by the gloom that veiled the skies
o'er the dreadful sacrifice,
listen to our humble sigh;
hear our penitential cry!
- 4 By your deep expiring groan,
by the sad sepulchral stone,
by the vault whose dark abode
held in vain the rising God,
oh, from earth to heav'n restored,
mighty, reascended Lord,
bending from your throne on high,
hear our penitential cry!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

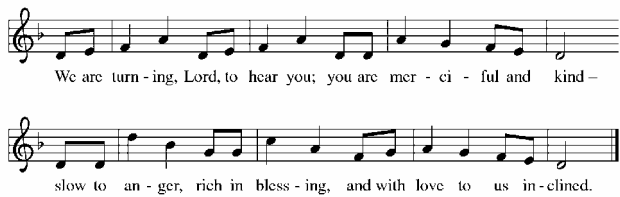
C: And also with you

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PSALM 130 Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry (noon)
Out of the Depths Hovhaness



GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

SERMON "The Position of Repentance"

HYMN *Just As I Am*

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Once We Sang & Danced / Butler (noon)

Stay with Us / Hovland (7:00 p.m.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

ASH PRAYER

Lord God, bless this ash we use to mark your promise and our repentance – ash that has come out of fires in Madagascar and fires in America. Encircle this planet with the power of your new life. As we join our prayers with sisters and brothers in Madagascar, help us to be sign and reality of the wondrous new creation you are forging in the fire of your love. Burn away all within us that is false and untrue, and help us to emerge at Easter more deeply rooted in

*discipleship that comes as your gift in the name of
Jesus. Amen.*

SOLO ***Lamb of God*** Decius (noon)
ANTHEM ***Agnus Dei*** Ellingboe (7:00 p.m)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES & HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Selections from Chopin, Faure, Schumann, Cherubine,
Tchaikovsky, Lucly, Bach, Telemann

BENEDICTION

HYMN ***My Song Is Love Unknown***

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow.
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
Who at my need his life did spend;
Who at my need his life did spend!

The congregation leaves in silence.

Preacher	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
Presider	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Patrice Von Stroh
Assisting	Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt
Organist	Kathy Eggleston
Musicians	Chancel Choir
Director	Dan Grace
Solo	John Wollan (12:00 noon)
Cello 7:00 p.m.	Richard von Foerster

The ashes are a gift from our Madagascar partners made
from burned palm fronds from Betela Seminar.

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2009 Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

February 25 - Ash Wednesday

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Worship

March 4

12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m. Worship

March 11

12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m. Worship

March 18

12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m. Worship

March 25

12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m. Worship

March 29

Easter Walk

Intervals between 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

April 5

Palm Sunday Morning

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Worship

Pancake Breakfast 7:30-noon

April 9

Maundy Thursday

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Worship

April 10

Good Friday

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Worship

April 11

Easter Vigil Worship

April 12

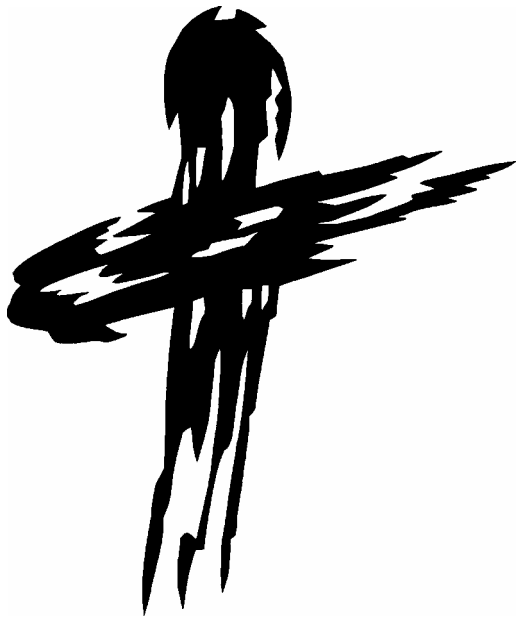
Easter Sunday Morning

6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Worship

Join us for soup and pizza prior to the
Wednesday evening services.

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