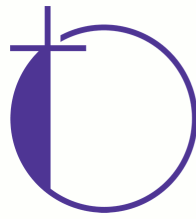


MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY
COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE
FEBRUARY 17, 2021



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Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The Welcome

The Opening Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

The Invocation

We gather as we live, supported by God's love, confident of
God's grace, and emissaries of God's peace, for we are
baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of
the Holy Spirit.

The Introduction to Lent

The Confession

Pastor: Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned 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, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have too often been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us, and too regularly dismissive of the needs of others while tending our own. Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Forgive us our sin and renew us in faith.

Pastor: We confess to you, Lord, our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives; our self-indulgent ways; our manipulation of other people; our anger when our desires are denied; our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves; and our neglect of the poor. Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Forgive us our sin and renew us in faith.

Pastor: We confess to you, O Lord, our love of worldly goods and comforts, our privileging our wants and needs over those of others, and our neglect of the creation. We acknowledge our negligence in worship and prayer and our failure to show the faith that is in us by loving those around us. We ask your forgiveness on all our failings: our blindness to human need and suffering, our indifference to injustice and cruelty, our uncharitable thoughts toward others, and our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us. For all that what we think or say or do that is at variance with your will, we pray, Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Forgive us our sin and renew us in faith.

Pastor: Restore us, good Lord, let us grieve your heart no longer, guide us in the path of righteousness, make us attentive to your presence in others, and remind us that your love and forgiveness are more powerful than all things, for we pray in hope and confidence in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reading - Psalm 51:1-4, 10-13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

The Hymn of Lent

Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

The Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat 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.

The Meditation - Pastor Lose

The Sacrement of Holy Communion

The Words of Institution

The 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.

The Distribution of Elements

The Communion Prayer

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

The Benediction

Pastors

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William B. MacLean, Charlie R. Ruud,
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