

ASH WEDNESDAY
YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE
FEBRUARY 17, 2021



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 Litany of Confession and Commitment

Pastor: Lent is the season of repentance and renewal, a time in which to be immersed in our faith so we may renew our commitment to God and our neighbor.

Congregation: Let us enter the season and renew our faith in hope and confidence.

Pastor: As we listen to Jesus' encounters with those who would follow him, let us observe the marks of discipleship and resolve to follow him also.

Congregation: Let us learn from others in humility and gratitude.

Pastor: As we listen to the reactions of those Jesus restored and healed, let us be inspired by their testimony to his embodiment of God's love.

Congregation: Let us also give voice to our faith and share the good news.

Pastor: As we trace the journey of our Lord to Jerusalem and the cross, let us marvel once more at his willingness to endure all things, even death on the cross, to show us how much we are loved.

Congregation: Let us watch our Lord in holy awe.

Pastor: Lent is the season of repentance and renewal, a time to confess where we have missed the mark, fallen short of what God desires, and not lived as we want to and should.

Congregation: Let us confess where we have fallen short in the confidence of God's forgiveness.

Pastor: For as Jesus shows most clearly, God is with us, for us, and working through us to renew God's people and world! 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 Gospel Reading - Matthew 16:21-26

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

The Message in Word and Song

The Message - Maielle Schugel

The 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 Message - George Dorn

The Hymn If You but Trust in God to Guide You

If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days.

Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.

The Message - Zoey Williams

The Hymn My Shepherd will Supply My Need

My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.
In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways.
and lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

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 Benediction

Pastors

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten, William B. MacLean, Charlie R. Ruud, Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca C. Freeman

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