



Ash Wednesday

Prelude Chorale Prelude on Munich, arr. by Andrew Clarke c. 2004 by MorningStar Music Publishers for solo organ {ASCAP Subsidiary: Birnamwood Publications}

Opening Hymn "Savior When in Dust to You" **ELW 601**

Greeting

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Kyrie

ELW Pg. 147-148

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Have Mercy

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Have Mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray: Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen



Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—

²a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them
 in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
 and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
 and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
 for the LORD, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
 assemble the aged;
gather the children,
 even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
 and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
 let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,
 and do not make your heritage a mockery,
 a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,
 'Where is their God?'"
 Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51: 1-17

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹ steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹ my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through ¹ from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹ from my sin.**

³For I know ¹ my offenses,
and my sin is ev- ¹ er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹ in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right ¹ in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born ¹ steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my ¹ mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth ¹ deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom ¹ deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹ shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- ¹ er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear ¹ joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken ¹ may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face ¹ from my sins,
and blot out ¹ all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean ¹ heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- ¹ it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away ¹ from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- ¹ it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of ¹ your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- ¹ tiful Spirit.**

¹³Let me teach your ways ¹ to offenders,
and sinners shall be re- ¹ stored to you.

¹⁴**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of ¹ my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing ¹ of your righteousness.**

¹⁵O Lord, o- ¹ pen my lips,
and my mouth shall pro- ¹ claim your praise.

¹⁶**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or ¹ I would give it.
You are not pleased ¹ with burnt offering.**

¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a ¹ troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will ¹ not despise.

2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. Holy Wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks Be to God

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 6th Chapter

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹“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. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so 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. ⁶But 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. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ..*

Sermon

Hymn

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

ELW 609

L 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 40 days to the great three days of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Marcia plays through hymn 751 once, then we sing together once.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

Prayers of the Church

L Humble, yet confident of God's mercy, we are bold to lift our prayers and intercessions.

AM For the ash-marked people of God, that the reminder of our mortality may make us bold in our witness and service, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For those who know no humility, that they may acknowledge the God who is source of all blessing and life, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For a world in need of healing, that we may be gentle servants, and holy helpers, Lord in your mercy. **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For the lost, rejected, abused, and all who struggle with any burden, and for those who experience violence in Palestine and Israel, that they may find relief, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For all these we pray, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For any needs you now lift in silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For hearts overflowing with generosity, that the mission of the church may be a bold witness into the future for the healing of the world, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For all who live in the Holy Land, that they may know peace and justice in place of strife and hostility, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offertory Just as I Am, Thine Own to Be, arr. by Anna Laura Page c. 1990 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in "The Impromptu Pianist"

Offertory Hymn

ELW 186

Sung as the plates are brought forward

Create in me A clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and to take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Our Father, We Have Wandered"

ELW 606

Dismissal

AM Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, and your neighbors, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude On My Heart Imprint Your Image, arr. by Benjamin M. Culli c. 2002 by Concordia Publishing House in "Out of the Depths: 5 Hymn Preludes for Lent"

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.



Around the Church

Feb 19	Chris Ed meeting	6:30 pm
Feb 25	Part II Annual Meeting	11:00 am
Feb 26	WELCA	6:30 PM

Midweek Lenten Services will be

Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share.

Dates: Feb. 22, 29
March 7, 14

March 21 will be in the church. No Pot-luck dinner due to the Soup Kitchen's Empty Bowls Fundraise that evening.

Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom & 10 am most Wednesdays in person

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays

Minimalist bulletin

Prelude

Opening Hymn ELW 601 "Savior When in Dust to You"

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Prayer of the Day

First Reading Joel; 2: 1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51: 1-17

Second Reading - II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel Acclamation spoken

Reading of the Holy Gospel Matthew 6

Sermon

Music

Confession of Sins

Distribution of Ashes

Prayers of the People

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The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn 186

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving Pg. 152 ff

Sanctus pg. 153

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) pg 154

Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn ELW 606 "Our Father, We Have Wander"

Dismissal

Postlude

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing

Joe Abbott	Jack & Barbara Heintz	Karen Ness	JoAnn
Laurie Abbott	Lorraine Hill	Tom O'Brien	Glen
Francine Ahrens	Kathleen Hilton	Dawn Osterman	Jen O.
Kim & Will Ahrens	Shannon Hilton	Terry Parker & Family	Jaiden
Peggy Ali	Jake Hoadley	Dr. Barbara Rose Ponse	Roger T.
William Appell	Erma Horn	Jack Quinn	Alissa
Coni-Jo Aparo	Brian Hurlock	Caroline Quintal	Ava
Vinnie Aparo	Susan Jones	Roman Radzins	Verna G.
Cory Aulbin	Ulf Johannson	RuthAnn Rash	Amanda T.
Nanci Battistoni	A&R Jones	Jonathan Richard	Corrine
Armando Binelli	Rusty Judd	Michelle Richards	Diane H.
Charlie Blakeslee	Ed Killingbeck	Ralph Richardson	Fitzpatrick Family
Cherie Brown	Lynn Killingbeck	Emily Robertson	Kristan, Mason & Family
Eli Boda	Pat King	Louise Roche	Clarence & Pricilla
Selma Boscarino	Raquel Launabaugh	Christine Roulin	Cynthia
Mark & Tiffany Brilliant	David Little	Raymond Roy	Gidio
Sharon Cable	Rebecca Little	Debra Seitz	Laura
Ryan Castaldi	Anita Loeber	Judy Schaller	Baby Walker
Janine Cimmino	Dave Loomis	Rosemary & Otto Schibi	The Kurtz Family
Diane Currier	Audrey & Ernie Marquard	Shelli Schwab	Heidi
Emily Decker	Abigail Marine	Teri Seleman	Angela
Angela DeJesus	Eric Marine	Russell Sirois	Charles
Irene Douglas	Michael Marine	Paul Smith	Dennis P.
Betty Enbeskotte	Richard Marine	Carol Speaker	Steve
Mark Enbeskotte	Janis Martin	Jon Sterling	Ethan R.
Judy Elliott	Mike Martin	Julia Thompson Carroll	Angel Marie
Jan Eucallito	Kate Merrow	Reid Underwood	Lou W.
Bruce & Liz Falls	Jerry McCarthy	Carol Valliere	
Deb Francis	Patrick & Denise McCormack	Vincenzo Viscariello, Sr.	
Ashley Friday	Dr. Edward & Kathy McDonough	Jackie Quinn Wassik	
Rosemarie Foth		Bob & Sue Watkins	
Mary Lynn Gagnon	Michael Meyers	Diane Wright	
Joan & Joe Gerard	Rich Minelli	Bruce Yauney	
Fred George	Sharon Mitchell	Bruce & Joyce Young	
Ruth Grech	John Monsam	Helen	
Theresa Corriveau Greene	Bill Muhl	Madison	
Julie Hake	Dennis Nalette	Finley	

Our Nursing Home Members

Marilyn Duteau
Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Calvin Bensch
Ida Maillet

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James
Ernst USCG
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz