

# ASH WEDNESDAY

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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

### OPENING HYMN

98 (1-4) – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On your ho - ly  
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af -  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see your  
4 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science



pas - sion; With your Spir - it me en - dow  
flic - tion, Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness  
pas - sion, But its cause to me make known  
grieve me, Let your cross my fear dis - arm;



For such med - i - ta - tion, Grant that I in love  
And your cru - ci - fix - ion; Make me see how scourge  
And its ter - mi - na - tion, Ah! I al - so and  
Peace of con - science give me, Help me see for - give -



and faith May the im - age cher - ish Of your suf -  
and rod, Spear and nails did wound you, How for them  
my sin Wrought your deep af - flic - tion; This in - deed  
ness won By your ho - ly pas - sion. If for me



f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish,  
you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you,  
the cause has been Of your cru - ci - fix - ion,  
he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

## EXHORTATION

**M** Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, prayer, and works of love – the disciplines of Lent – help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

*Be seated*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** Most holy and merciful Father:

**C** **We confess to you and to one another 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.**

**M** 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 Lord.**

**M** We have been deaf 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 Lord.**

**M** We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**C** **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

**M** Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**M** Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**M** Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith in us,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**M** Hear our confession, O Lord, of the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**C We repent, O Lord.**

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

**C We repent, O Lord.**

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

**C We repent, O Lord.**

**M** Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**C Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

**M** Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**C That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

**M** By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,

**C Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

**M** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you do not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore you to hear our cries for mercy, to forgive our sins, and to grant us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may amend our sinful lives and do those things that please you until at last we come to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Silent confession*

## **ABSOLUTION**

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sing:*

**Grant that I your passion view  
With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame on you  
By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun  
Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure?**

**Graciously, my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from you,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give you love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing your praise forever.**



## **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 59:12-20

Return to the Lord – ponder what that all means in this reading from Isaiah!

ISAIAH 59:12 For our offenses are many in your sight,  
and our sins testify against us.  
Our offenses are ever with us,  
and we acknowledge our iniquities:

<sup>13</sup> rebellion and treachery against the LORD,  
turning our backs on our God,  
fomenting oppression and revolt,  
uttering lies our hearts have conceived.

<sup>14</sup> So justice is driven back,  
and righteousness stands at a distance;  
truth has stumbled in the streets,  
honesty cannot enter.

<sup>15</sup> Truth is nowhere to be found,  
and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.  
The LORD looked and was displeased  
that there was no justice.

<sup>16</sup> He saw that there was no one,  
he was appalled that there was no one to intervene;  
so his own arm worked salvation for him,  
and his own righteousness sustained him.

<sup>17</sup> He put on righteousness as his breastplate,  
and the helmet of salvation on his head;  
he put on the garments of vengeance  
and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

<sup>18</sup> According to what they have done,  
so will he repay wrath to his enemies  
and retribution to his foes;  
he will repay the islands their due.

<sup>19</sup> From the west, men will fear the name of the LORD,  
and from the rising of the sun,  
they will revere his glory.  
For he will come like a pent-up flood  
that the breath of the LORD drives along.

<sup>20</sup> “The Redeemer will come to Zion,  
to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the LORD

**God put on HIS armor!**

## CHOIR RESPONSE

## Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth

*Text: Kaspar F. Nachtenhöfer, 1624–85, st. 1-3, 5; Magnus D. Omeis, 1646–1708, st. 4;  
tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.*

*(The Soul:)*

*Lord Jesus, you are going forth For me your life to offer,  
For me, a sinner from my birth, Who caused all you must suffer.  
So be it, then, My dearest Friend; I follow after, weeping,  
Tears flowing free Your pain to see, Watch o'er your sorrows keeping.*

*(Jesus:)*

*O soul, come hither and behold The fruit of your transgression!  
My burden is the curse of old And for your sin my passion.  
Now comes the night Of sin's dread might; Your guilt I here am bearing.  
Oh, weigh it, soul; I make you whole, No need now of despairing.*

*(The Soul:)*

*'Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess, Who should have borne sin's wages  
And lost the peace of heav'nly bliss Through everlasting ages.  
Instead you go To bear the blow, My punishment to carry.  
Your death and blood Lead me to God; By grace I there may tarry.*

*(Jesus:)*

*O soul, I take upon me now The pain you should have suffered.  
My death will your release allow; My gift is freely offered.  
The curse I choose That you might lose Sin's curse and guilt forever.  
My gift of love From heav'n above Will give you blessing ever.*

*(The Soul:)*

*What can I for such love divine To you, Lord Jesus, render?  
No merit has this heart of mine; Yet while I live I'll tender  
Myself alone And all I own In love to serve before you.  
Then when time's past, Take me at last; In heav'n I shall adore you.*

## SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

The solution for sin are the actions of the LORD in sending Jesus to reconcile us to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>6:1</sup> As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.

<sup>2</sup> For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

## REPSONSE

**Search me, God, and know my heart,  
Lord of truth and mercy.  
From afar, O Lord, you know  
All my thoughts, my secrets.  
And if any wicked way  
Should be found within me,  
Cleanse, forgive me by your grace;  
By your Spirit guide me. (307:2)**

## GOSPEL OF THE DAY

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus' parable exposes the self-righteous and the penitent heart.

LUKE 18:9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

<sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

<sup>14</sup> “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

303 – With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh



1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, A  
 2 I smite up - on my trou - bled breast, With  
 3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes Nor  
 4 No gifts, no deeds that I have done Can  
 5 And when, re - deemed from sin and hell, With



trem - bling sin - ner, Lord, I cry, Your  
 deep and con - scious guilt op - pressed, Christ  
 dare up - lift them to the skies, But  
 for a sin - gle sin a - tone. To  
 all the ran - somed souls I dwell, My



par - d'ning grace is rich and free— O  
 and his cross my on - ly plea— O  
 you can all my an - guish see— O  
 Cal - va - ry a - lone I flee— O  
 joy - ous song shall ev - er be: God



God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 has been mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Cornelius Elven, 1791–1873; alt.  
 Tune: ST. LUKE (LM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707.

SERMON

Luke 18:9-14

**Repent: Turn to Jesus and Not to Yourself**

## **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

## **GATHERING OF THE OFFERING and OFFERTORY**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Spoken by the presiding minister*



# **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** *(spoken)* **And also with you.**

**M** Lift up your hearts.

**C** *(spoken)* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C** *(spoken)* **It is good and right so to do.**

**M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin, so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)** 195 (3,4) – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord the God Al -

hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy  
might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in

glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art  
earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**M** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil’s power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C** *(spoken)* **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins,**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**  
**Lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and forever. Amen.**



## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** *(spoken)* **Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



I O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you,  
In thanks-giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
bod - y and your blood you nour-ish Our weak souls that they may  
flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy! May your  
bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our sins and sor - rows  
did car - ry, And your blood for us plead  
In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!

*Be Seated*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.*



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the  
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his  
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way  
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope  
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -  
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms  
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By your blood and bitter passion,  
 For these words I do believe—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
 Even I have been forgiven.  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to him I cleave—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.  
 Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtsches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt,  
 1699, alt.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Almighty God, because it was your will that your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us and thus remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion, that we may receive remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** (*spoken*) **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**M** The grace of the Lord + Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** (*spoken*) **Amen.**

## HYMN

272 – Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a  
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12.

Tune: SCHAFFE IN MIR, GOTT (PM) Johann G. Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.

## **EXHORTATION**

**M** Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world

**C** **By his holy cross he has redeemed the world.**

**M** Remember his words,

**C** **For they are our light.**

**M** Remember his works,

**C** **For they are our example.**

**M** Remember his grace,

**C** **For it is ours to receive.**

**M** Remember his glory,

**C** **For it is the brilliance of God.**

**M** Remember his pain,

**C** **For it was not deserved.**

**M** Remember his sorrow,

**C** **For it was for our hardness of heart.**

**M** Remember his life,

**C** **For it was perfect before God.**

**M** Remember his death,

**C** **For it was ours.**

**M** Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**C** **By his holy cross he has redeemed the world.**