

ASH WEDNESDAY

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Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

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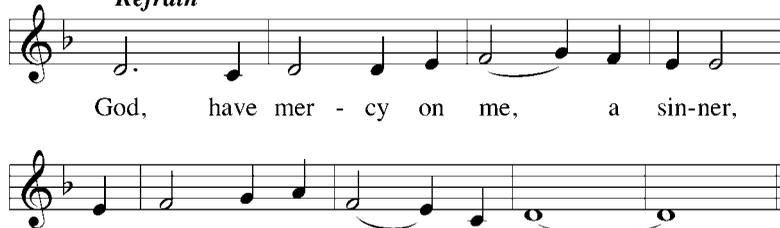
Psalm 51

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Choir sings verses in italics

Congregation sings verse in bold and the refrain

Refrain



God, have mer - cy on me, a sin-ner,
have mer - cy on me, O Lord.

Psalm Tone



*Have mercy on | me, O God,
according to your un | ailing love;
according to your great com | passion
blot out my trans | gressions.*

**Wash away all my in | iquity
and cleanse me | from my sin.
For I know my trans | gressions,
and my sin is always be | fore me.**

Refrain

*Against you, you only, | have I sinned
and done what is evil | in your sight.
Surely I was sin | ful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother con | ceived me.*

Silence for meditation

**Hide your face | from my sins
and blot out all my in | iquity.
Restore to me the joy of your sal | vation
And grant me a willing spirit, to sus | tain me.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
And to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Refrain

EXHORTATION

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle. Let us be silent. Let us pause now for a time of reflection and self-examination.

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 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 Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C **Forgive us, 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 **Forgive us, O Lord.**

M For what we think or say or do that is at variance with your will,

C **Forgive us, O Lord.**

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

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

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.**

Time for silent confession

ABSOLUTION

M Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live.

Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and His Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by Him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand to sing the hymn:

ABSOLUTION HYMN

Come, You Who Feel Sin's Heavy Burden

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Tune: ICH STERBE TÄGLICH*



Come, you who feel sin's heav - y bur - den, For
I come, I know I am a sin - ner, I
My heart, don't doubt the words here spo - ken! This
I will not doubt, I am for - giv - en By
Christ's am - bas - sa - dor is here. Re - ceive from him your Sav - ior's
have not kept God's just com - mands; I come, of death and hell a
man is Christ's own in - stru - ment; Nor can the Scrip - ture's words be
Christ's own ab - so - lu - tion here, And now be - fore my God in
par - don, That cov - ers shame and ends all fear.
win - ner, To see a - gain Christ's pier - céd hands.
bro - ken, Christ sends them just as He was sent.
heav - en I stand by faith right - eous and pure.

Refrain
Lord, may Your ab - so - lu - tion free Give to my con - science li - ber - ty.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:12-19

Return to the Lord your God

JOEL 2:12”Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”¹³ Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.¹⁴ Who knows but that he may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God.¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.¹⁶ Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Let the priests, who minister before the LORD, weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say, “Spare your people, O LORD. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”¹⁸ Then the LORD will be jealous for his land and take pity on his people.¹⁹ The LORD will reply to them: “I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.”

CHOIR RESPONSE

Come Unto Me

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*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,
Look upon me, I am your Savior; Look unto the cross, there you'll find eternal peace.
Take my yoke upon you and learn of me,
For I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Amen.*



SECOND LESSON

Revelation 3:1-3

The call to obey and repent is now.

REVELATION 3:1 5^c“To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who hold the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. ³Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

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 LESSON

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

LUKE 12:13 Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”

¹⁸Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ ²¹”This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

305 – From Depths of Woe I Cry to You



1 From depths of woe I cry to you; Lord, hear me,
 2 Your love and grace a - lone a - veil To blot out
 3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in
 4 My soul is wait - ing for the Lord As one who



I im - plore you. Bend down your gra - cious ear to me;
 my trans - gres - sion. The best and ho - liest deeds must fail
 my own mer - it; It rests up - on his faith - ful Word
 longs for morn - ing; No watch - er waits with great - er hope



My prayer let come be - fore you. If you kept
 To break sin's dread op - pres - sion. Be - fore you
 To them of con - trite spir - it. That he is
 Than I for his re - turn - ing. I hope as



rec - ord of my sin And held a - gainst me
 none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear your
 mer - ci - ful and just— This is my com - fort
 Is - rael in the Lord; He sends re - demp - tion



what I've been, How could I stand be - fore you?
 strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.
 through his Word. We praise him for his mer - cy.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 4.
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 Tune: AUS TIEFER NOT (87 87 887) Martin Luther, 1483–1546, alt.

**Three Words of Truth:
“Is it I?”**

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

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.**

KYRIE, ELEISON (*Lord, Have Mercy*)

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Come to You, O Blessed Lord
The Lutheran Hymnal 330



1 I come to you, O bless - ed Lord,
2 I come to you with sin and grief,
3 Should you a strict ac - count de - mand,
4 O Je - sus, Lamb of God, a - lone
5 O Je - sus, Lamb of God, a - lone



in - vit - ed by your gra - cious Word,
for you a - lone can give re - lief,
who could, O Lord, be - fore you stand?
who did for all our sins a - tone:
who did for all our sins a - tone:



that you might feed and com - fort me;
Your death for me, dear Lord, I plead:
Purge all my se - cret sins a - way,
though I have sinned and gone a - stray,
have mer - cy on me, I im - plore;



grant that a wor - thy guest I be.
O Je - sus, help me in my need!
O Je - sus Christ, the sin - ner's Stay!
turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way.
be mer - ci - ful for - ev - er - more.



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.**

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