



**Renew a right spirit
within me.**

Psalm 51:10

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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023 - 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together arr. by William Held

HYMN 601 "Savior, When in Dust to You"

P: 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, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline 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.

silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most holy and merciful Father,

C: We confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, 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.

P: 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, Lord.

P: 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, Lord.

P: We confess to You, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

C: We confess to You, Lord.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

C: We confess to You, Lord.

P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

C: We confess to You, Lord.

P: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

C: We confess to You, Lord.

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

C: We confess to You, Lord.

P: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to injustice and cruelty,

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

C: accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For our waste and pollution of Your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let Your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, Lord, for Your mercy is great. Amen.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM 7:00 pm

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed by Gilbert Martin

Imposition of Ashes

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward and kneel before the altar. The pastor will place ashes on your forehead with the words from Genesis 3:19: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Once you have received the ashes, please return to your seat.

ORGAN "Have Mercy on Me, Lord God"

Johann Sebastian Bach

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation.

C: that we may show forth Your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and Passion of Your Son, our Lord,

C: bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

silent meditation

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through 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.

FIRST READING: Psalm 51:1-17

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Patti Morlock

SERMON HYMN 599 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

DISTRIBUTION

- + *All baptized believers who trust that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are encouraged to partake in communion.*
- + *Children and adults who do not receive the meal are invited forward for a blessing.*
- + *If you cannot come forward but wish to receive the sacrament, please let a greeter or an usher know and a server will bring the sacrament to you.*
- + *If you require grape juice or wafers as a substitute for the wine and/or bread, please let the servers know.*

ORGAN "Meditation"

Maurice Duruflé

BLESSING

BENEDICTION

*+In observance of Lent,
there will be no concluding organ music+*

The Rev. Seth Jersild, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Patti Morlock, Associate Pastor
Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministries

Serving Today:

Altar Guild: (12 noon) Lynda Berry
(7:00 pm) Dellno and Betty Lewis, Judy Graessle

Readers: Volunteers needed

Communion Assistants: Volunteers needed

Greeters: (12 noon) Shirley Blake
(7:00 pm) Dellno and Betty Lewis

Large Print Hymns are available. Please see a greeter.

LENT AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday Lenten Services

Return from Exile

February 22—Ash Wednesday Services at 12:00pm and 7:00pm

March 1 – March 29—Lenten services at 12:00pm and 6:30pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday – Saturday, April 1 – Traditional at 4:00pm

Sunday, April 2 – Traditional at 8:15am and 11:00am,

Contemporary at 11:00am

Maundy Thursday – April 6 - 7:00pm

Good Friday – April 7 - 12:00pm and 7:00pm

Easter

Saturday, April 8 – Traditional at 4pm

Sunday April 9 – Traditional at 8:15am and 11:00am,

Contemporary at 11:00am

