



Ash Wednesday - February 10, 2016

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

Pastor Mark Voss

Opening Hymn - "Oh, Come, My Soul"

CW 99

Meditation

1 John 1:5-8

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in darkness,

C: **we lie and do not live by the truth.**

P: If we claim to be without sin,

C: **we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

All: Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Ash Wednesday Lesson

Scripture Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

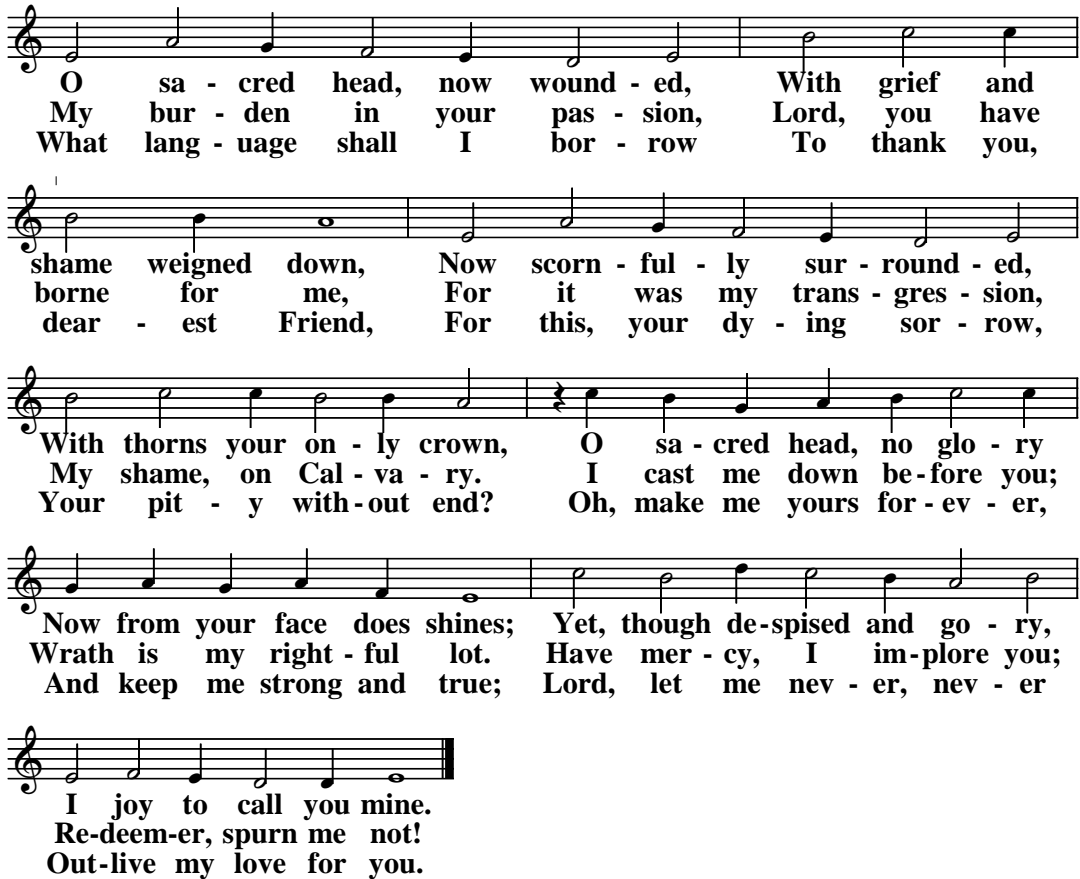
God's Great Exchange - his Son takes our place

We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. 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.

P: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C: **By his wounds we are healed.**

Hymn - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"



O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, With grief and
My bur - den in your pas - sion, Lord, you have
What lang - uage shall I bor - row To thank you,
shame weigned down, Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed,
borne for me, For it was my trans - gres - sion,
dear - est Friend, For this, your dy - ing sor - row,
With thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no glo - ry
My shame, on Cal - va - ry. I cast me down be - fore you;
Your pit - y with - out end? Oh, make me yours for - ev - er,
Now from your face does shines; Yet, though de - spised and go - ry,
Wrath is my right - ful lot. Have mer - cy, I im - plore you;
And keep me strong and true; Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er
I joy to call you mine.
Re - deem - er, spurn me not!
Out - live my love for you.

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Sermon

"This Man Went Home Justified"

Luke 18:9-14

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The 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. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' ¹³"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.' ¹⁴"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."

Offering and Offertory

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

You may now come forward with your family and friends to receive the sign of the cross with ashes on the top of your hand from Pastor.

These ashes symbolize that our sins and death were put on Jesus when he died on the cross. ***“For dust you are and to dust you will return.”*** Genesis 3:19

As you are ushered out this evening, you may wash the ashes away at the baptismal font. This symbolizes that in the water of baptism our sins are washed away with the blood of Christ and that no marks of sin remain in us. ***“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”*** Romans 6:1-4

Please participate only if you choose and feel comfortable doing so. During the imposition of the ashes the tone chime choir will play and then we will sing the hymn printed below and on the next page.

Musical Selection Tone Chime Choir

“O Sacred Head”

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Imposition of Ashes

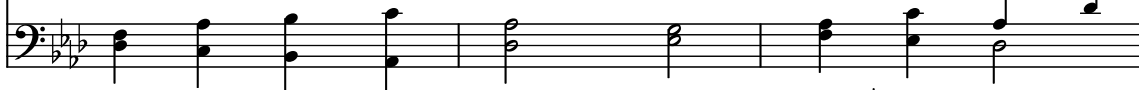
"Savior, When in Dust To You"

The musical score is written for a tone chime choir. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Sav-ior, when in dust to you Low we bow in hom-age due,
By your help-less in-fant years, By your life of want and tears,
By your hour of dire de-spair, By your ag-o-ny of prayer,
By your deep ex-pir-ing groan, By the sad se-pul-chral stone,



When, re - pen - tant, to the skies Scarce we lift our
By your days of deep dis - tress In the sav - age
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Pierc - ing spear, and
By the vault whose dark a - bode Held in vain the



weep - ing eyes; Oh, by all your pains and woe
wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys - te - rious hour
tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that veiled the skies
ris - ing God, Oh, from earth to heav'n re - stored,

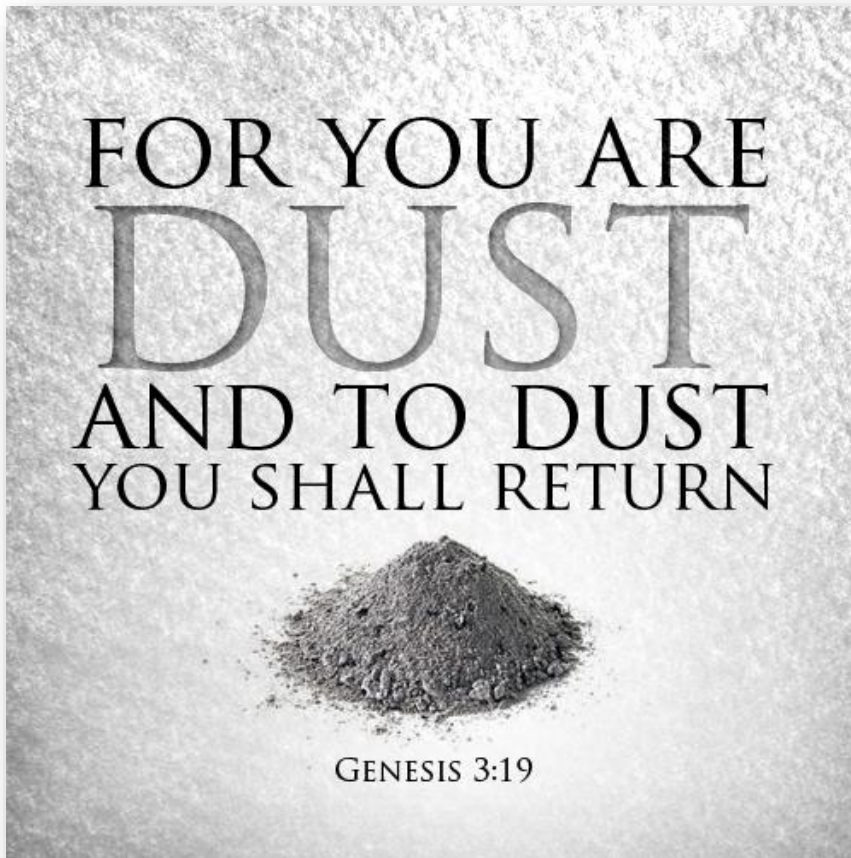


Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing from your
Of th' in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, oh, turn a
O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten to our
Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing from your



throne on high, Hear our pen-i - ten-tial cry!
fav - 'ring eye, Hear our pen-i - ten-tial cry!
hum - ble sigh, Hear our pen-i - ten-tial cry!
throne on high, Hear our pen-i - ten-tial cry!





Prayer

P: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. 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 suffering of your Son, O Lord,

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

Blessing

P: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's
Son, will be with us in truth and love.

2 John 3

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn - Dismissal and Washing of the Ashes

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O might - y cross, Love lift - ed high,
O might - y cross, what throne of grace,
O' might - y cross, O Christ, so pure,
O might - y cross, my soul's re - lease;



The Lord of life raised there to die;
He knew no sin, yet took my place;
Love held Him there, such shame en - dured;
The stripes He bore have brought me peace;



His sac - ri - fice on Cal - va - ry
His sac - ri - fice on Cal - va - ry
His sac - ri - fice on Cal - va - ry
His sac - ri - fice on Cal - va - ry



Has made the might - y cross a tree of life to me.
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Has made the might - y cross a tree of life to me.
Has made the might - y cross a tree of life to me.

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:5-7