

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26, 2020

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Create in me a clean heart

Psalm 51:10

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayer and repentance. Our attention is especially directed to the innocent sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion and humble repentance, born of a faithful heart, that dwells confidently on his Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of his beloved Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lenten Season for us, that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the festival in sincerity and truth.

Silence for Reflection on God's Love

**Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of your suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

**Make me see your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound you,
How for them you died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned you.**

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

P: Jesus says to his people: *"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven."* His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes I believe.

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Silence for Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Mark's Passion History

Mark 14:12-26

Jesus celebrates Passover

¹² On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?" ²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

Musical Selection – “*And Can It Be*”

Men's Choir

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Mark 14:22-26

Jesus institutes Lord's Supper

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵ "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination. Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of your crucifixion.**

**If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By your holy passion. If for me he slays his Son,
God must have compassion!**

DEVOTION - Joel 2:12-14

Listen for the "R" Words

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? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing — grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God.

Offering

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

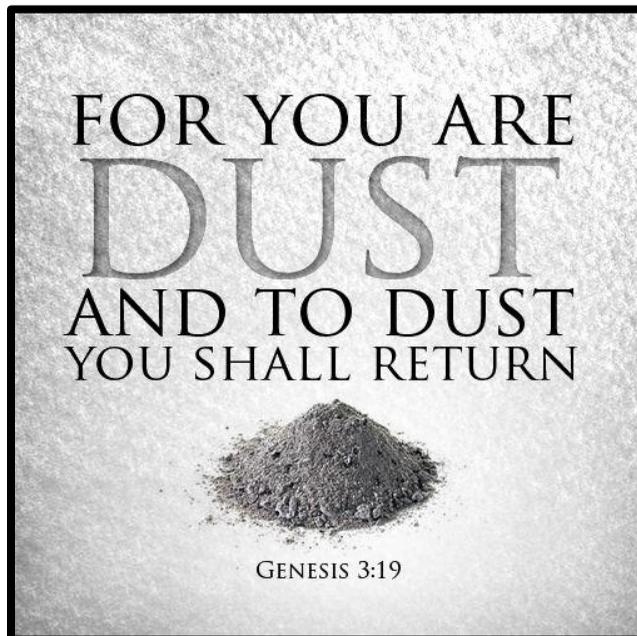
You may now come forward with your family and friends to receive the sign of the cross with ashes on the top of your hand from Pastor. These ashes symbolize that our sins and death were put on Jesus when he died on the cross.

“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 we will sing the hymn “Savior When in Dust to You” on the next page.



Hymn During Imposition of Ashes

"Savior, When In Dust To You"

CW 124

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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!



Lord's Prayer: 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

Blessing

Responsive 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,

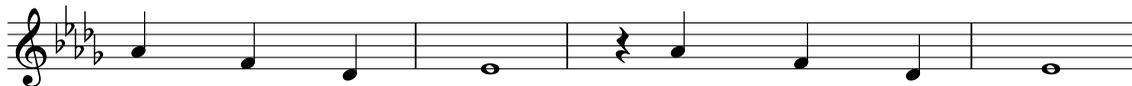
C: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Closing Song - 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;



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Has made the might - y cross a tree of life to me.
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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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