



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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Ash Wednesday

7:00pm

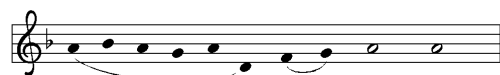
..... ✝ **GATHERING** ✝

The assembly gathers in silence. Please remain seated during the Kyrie.

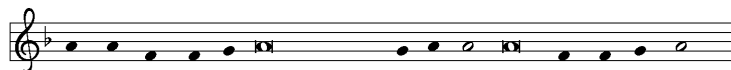
THE KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



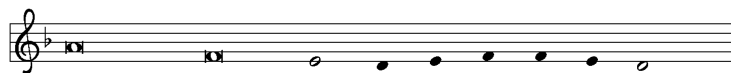
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



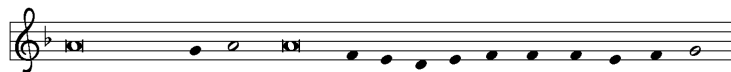
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



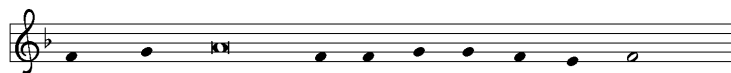
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



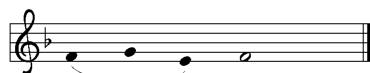
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - - men.

<We stand.>

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

GREETING

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, Great Teacher,
You place tremendous responsibility upon those who follow you. You demand more than we are often willing to give. You promise no safety, only that the way will be rough. Make us ready and willing to walk your rocky path and carry your subversive word to hostile ears, for the hope and promise of rewarding life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

<We sit.>

..... ✚ WORD ✚

READING

Psalm 5:7-8

Pew Bible page 426

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house; I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

<We stand.>

The Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-61

Pew Bible page 843

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Titus

1. Sav - iour, when in dust to thee Low we bend the a - dor - ing knee;
 2. By thy help - less in - fant years, By thy life of want and tears,

When, re - pent - ant, to the skies, Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes;
 By thy days of sore dis - tress In the sav - age wil - der - ness,

O by all thy pains and woe Suf - fered once for man be - low,
 By the dread mys - ter - ious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's power;

Bend - ing from thy throne on high, Hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny!
 Turn, O turn a fa - voring eye, Hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny! A - men.

3 By thine hour of dire despair,
 By thine agony of prayer;
 By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
 Piercing spear, the torturing scorn;
 By the gloom that veiled the skies
 O'er the dreadful sacrifice;
 Listen to our humble cry,
 Hear our solemn litany!

4 By thy deep expiring groan,
 By the sad sepulchral stone,
 By the vault whose dark abode
 Held in vain the rising God;
 O from earth to heaven restored,
 Mighty, re-ascended Lord,
 Listen, listen to the cry
 Of our solemn litany! Amen.

INVITATION TO LENT

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

PSALM

Psalm 51 is one of confession and repentance.

We read it responsively, by whole verse, as we prepare ourselves for confession.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all wickedness.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within.**

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Let me teach your ways to offenders,
and sinners shall be restored to you.

**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.

You are not pleased with burnt offering.

**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Kneeling as we are able.

<We kneel.>

Most holy and merciful God,

we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

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.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears 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.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You may come forward, as you are able, to receive the ashes.

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

that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

<We stand.>

HYMN

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

ELW Hymn 599

<We kneel.>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things ...

Each prayer petition will end with "God, in your mercy" and the response is "Receive our prayer."

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, Our Savior. **Amen.**

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

ANTHEM
<We stand.>

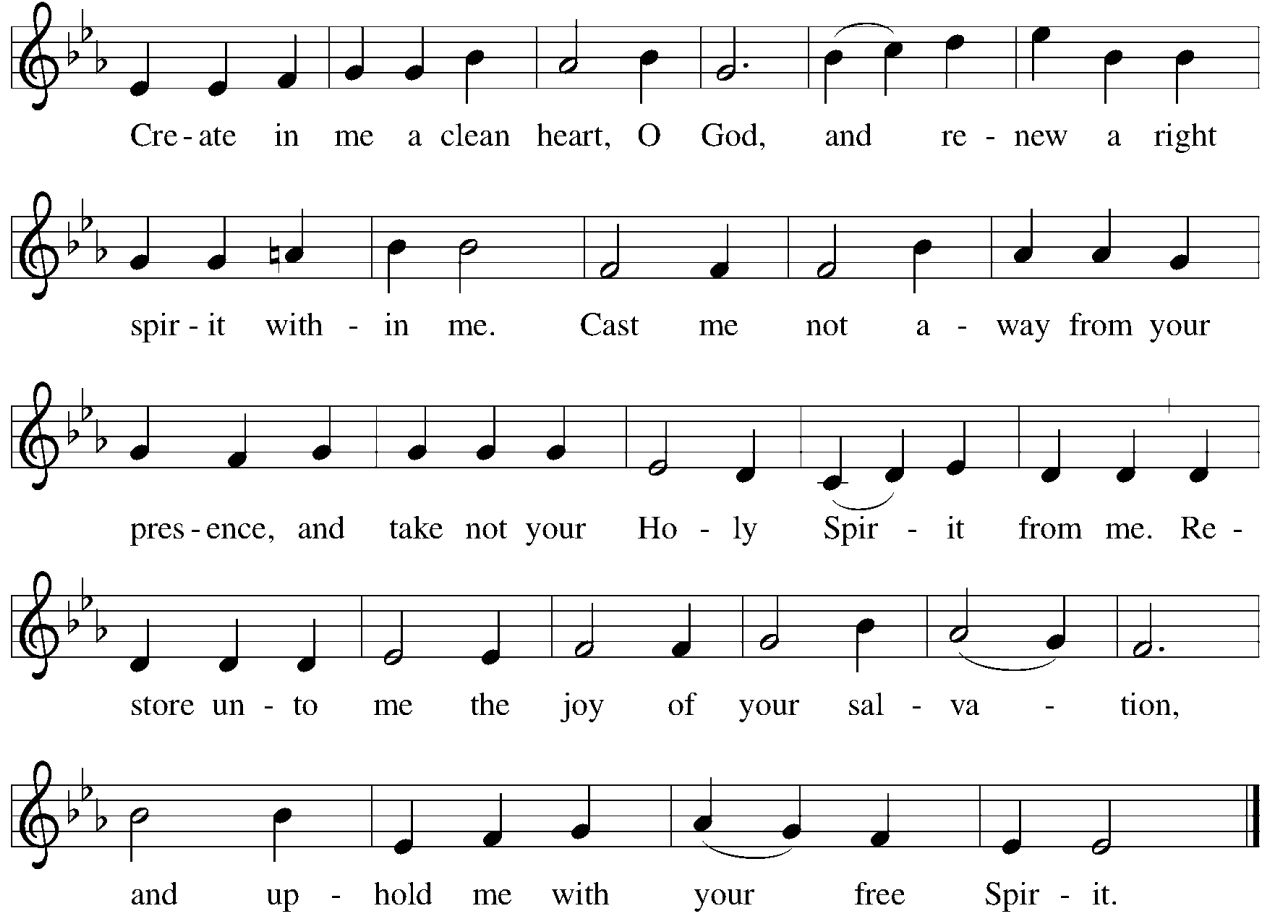
Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW Hymn 188



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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. ... we pray this in your name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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 in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

... Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you in your pew. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray ... in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.

..... † **SENDING** †

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

<Please turn and face the rear of the nave.>

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

You are invited to continue the journey through Lent with us!
We will gather on Wednesday evenings for a meal and brief worship service
beginning at 6:15pm in the Family Life Center

Join us for this intentional time of break and contemplation on
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9

Holy Week Services will be held on Maundy Thursday (April 17)
and Good Friday (April 18) at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday services will be held on April 20 at 7:00am and 10:30am



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