



Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

INDUCTION

Silence for reflection

LITANY

P: O Lord, **C:** have mercy.

P: O Christ, **C:** have mercy.

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P: O Christ, **C:** hear us.

P: God the Father in heaven, **C:** have mercy.

P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **C:** have mercy.

P: God the Holy Spirit, **C:** have mercy.

P: Be gracious to us. **C:** Spare us, good Lord.

P: Be gracious to us. **C:** Help us, good Lord.

P: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; / by Your holy nativity; / by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; / by Your agony and bloody sweat; / by Your cross and passion; / by Your precious death and burial; / by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; / and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: In all time of our tribulation; / in all time of our prosperity; / in the our of death; / and in he day of judgement: **C:** Help us, good Lord.

P: We poor sinners implore You **C:** to hear us, O Lord.

P: To prosper the preaching of Your Word; / to bless our prayer and mediation; / to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; / and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To draw all to Yourself; / to bless those who are instructed in the faith; / to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; / to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; / and to have mercy on us all:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To turn our hearts to You; / to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; / and graciously to hear our prayers:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **C:** we implore You to hear us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **C:** have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **C:** have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **C:** grant us Your peace.

P: O Christ, **C:** hear us.

P: O Lord, **C:** have mercy.

P: O Christ, **C:** have mercy.

P: O Lord, **C:** have mercy. Amen.

P: O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that thy turn from their wickedness and live... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Pastor to the congregation: + Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

MUSIC: "He will hold me fast" *by Keith and Kristyn Getty*

LESSON Psalm 51, 1-15 (passage for the sermon on Ash Wednesday 2021)

A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. / 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! / 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. / 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. / 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. / 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. / 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. / 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. / 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. / 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. / 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. / 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. / 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. / 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. / 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Response after the Reading:

P: Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C: Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P: Your word is nothing but truth,

C: and a light to my path.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

SERMON

HYMN

Savior, When in Dust to Thee 419

1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -

dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode

Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to

pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing

from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

Pastor: *Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. / You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. / You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. / Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! / Will you be angry with us forever? / Will you prolong your anger to all generations? / Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? / Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.*
(Psalm 85, 1b-7)

Congregation: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbours. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. – In front of the Holy God, I ask everyone of you: Do you confess, that you have sinned and do you repent all your sin, so answer ‘Yes’.

Congregation: Yes.

P: Do you desire the forgiveness of your sin in the name of Jesus Christ, so answer ‘Yes’.

C: Yes.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God’s, so answer ‘Yes’.

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done to you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and as an ordained servant of the Word I forgive you all your sins in the name of the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

Pastor prays...

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

MUSIC: “In Christ” *performed by Celtic Worship*

