

March 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday Worship Service
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We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used for Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends **1(888) 788-0099** is the free call. **For Sunday worship** the meeting ID is **886 7604 5376**. & **for all mid-week and Holy Week Services 860 6936 4257**; no personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection or not. If you do not get in please call 385-234-1931 before service and I will try to help you connect.

The easiest way to come on Zoom by computer is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form and good work that humans can do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active listening and participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, prayers and confessions.

Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute your mic or phone if this feature is available, or cover the mouth-piece/mic. Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion of feedback and distract from your worship.. Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship concentration with the lag time. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen, and participate.

You will have opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the zoom waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time will be very short.

We have opened up the church, so you can worship in it. **We will need to social distance as family units, wear masks, wash hands and enjoy fellowship together.** Cell Phones dialed into our zoom program will allow you to fellowship with and be active together in worship if you choose to worship from home. You are urged to begin to think about coming for in-house worship. You are asked to mute your phone while service is going on and to worship normally. Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays after completion of the worship on zoom. Private communion is offered upon request. We will continue to utilize Zoom for Sunday worship as part of our outreach to the community and for those who are at home or traveling.

Thank you for joining our worship.

Pastor Hank, Pastor Paul & St. John's Congregation

ASH WEDNESDAY

P₁ : We begin in the Name of the Father and the (+) Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Confession LSB 610 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

1. Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin; From worldly passions set me free and make me pure within.
2. Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed; Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.
3. Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle’s strife; In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!
4. Lord Jesus, think on Me Nor let me go astray; Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.
5. Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past, I may the eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

Introit: (Please Stand) (spoken responsively by half verse)

P₂: *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

According to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

And cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,

And my sin is ever before me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

And uphold me with a willing spirit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be forever. Amen

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(Please be seated)

P₁: *Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, 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 His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this lententide for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Silence for reflection

(Please Stand)

P2: *God the Father, in heaven,*

Cong.: **have mercy.**

P2: *God the Son, Redeemer of the world,*

Cong.: **have mercy.**

P2: *God the Holy Spirit,*

Cong.: **have mercy.**

P2: *Be gracious to us.*

Cong.: **Spare us, good Lord.**

P2: *Be gracious to us.*

Cong.: **Help us, good Lord.**

P1: *By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;
by Your holy nativity;
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptations;
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:*

Cong.: **Help us, good Lord.**

P1: *In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:*

Cong.: **Help us, good Lord.**

P2: *We poor sinners implore You*

Cong.: **to hear us, O Lord.**

P1: *To prosper the preaching of Your Word;
to bless our prayer and meditation;
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;
to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:*

Cong.: **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

P2: *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:*

Cong.: We implore you to hear us, good Lord

P1: *To turn our hearts to You;
To turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously
to hear our prayers:*

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

P2: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,*

Cong.: we implore You to hear us.

P1: *Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,*

Cong.: have mercy

P2: *Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*

Cong.: have mercy

P1: *Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,*

Cong.: grant us Your peace.

P1: *O Christ,*

Cong.: hear us

P2: *O Lord,*

Cong.: have mercy.

P1: *O Christ,*

Cong.: have mercy.

P2: *The Lord be with you.*

Cong.: and also with you

P1: *Let us pray.*

All: Almighty and everlasting God, because You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent, create in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily repenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Reading for Ash Wednesday *(please be seated)*

Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:12-19

¹² “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and

abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster. ¹⁴ Who knows whether He will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶ gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD weep and say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and make not Your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, “Where is their God?”” ¹⁸ Then the LORD became jealous for His land and had pity on His people. ¹⁹ The LORD answered and said to His people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

P2: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Cong.: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL: (Heb.12:2)

P2: *O come let us fix our eyes on Jesus,*

Cong: **the author and perfecter of our faith,**

P2: *Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame*

Cong: **and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

^{20.b} We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake He made Him to be sin Who know no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. ^{6:1} Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beating, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger, ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

P2:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God

VERSE (Joel 2:13b) (spoken in unison)

P1: *Return to the Lord your God,*

Cong: **for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.**

(we rise for the reading of the Gospel)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P1: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6th chapter.*

Cong: **Glory to You O Lord.**

¹ Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father Who is in heaven. ² “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you they have received their reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father Who is in secret. And your Father Who sees in secret will reward you....¹⁶ And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father Who is in secret. And your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

P1: *This is the Gospel of the Lord*

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

HOMILY HYMN: LSB 425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. For bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ , My God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mind, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life my all!

Homely: (Jesus' words from the Cross)

Luke 23:34 “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Imposition of Ashes and Corporate Confession *(Please rise)*

P1: *Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sins to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your word, confess our sins, received Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.*

C: **Amen.**

P2: *Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this holy sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.*

P1: *But if we examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken on Himself our nature that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffers death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And that we should do more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in cheerful obedience to His holy will, He has instituted the holy sacrament of His supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood.*

P2: *Therefore whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.*

P2: *We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification and, giving Him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow Him and according to His commandment love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one body, even as we all eat of His body and drink of His blood. Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.*

C: **O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your bountiful mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I might amend my sinful life.**

P1: *God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.*

C: **Amen.**

P2: *We will apply the ashes and personal absolution with these words:*

P1: *Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, receive the mark of the cross on your forehead to mark you as redeemed by Jesus the Christ. Your sins are forgiven, Go in peace with the sure and certain hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

P2: *In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

P1: *The God of peace sanctifies you wholly and keeps your spirit, soul, and body sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. Go in (+) peace.*

P2: **Offering:**

OFFERING: (As you are privileged, do contribute to our Lord's ministry by sending your offering in support of God's ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111) *In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community and through this congregation. To participate, you are encouraged to send it to the address above or use the PayPal app on our website. stjohnslutheranslc.org*

Prayer Hymn: LSB 637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
2. He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Give living waters to the thirsting soul.
3. Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

(after each petition ending in Lord in your mercy-- the congregational response is) **C: Hear our prayer**

P₁: *Almighty God and gracious Father We pray for our members and friends for Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Louise Merritt, Bob Malinsky, Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau, Maurine Rathje, Lisa Polster, Barbara Clark, Colleen & Ray Johnson, Mrs. Son Cha Dejong, Vera Kerr, Pastor Merlyn Wagner, Pastor Robert Bennet and family*

Cong: Hear our prayer.

P₁: *and teach us to pray;*

LORD’S PRAYER:

**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.**

Benediction:

Closing Hymn: LSB 878 “Abide With Me, Fast Falls the Eventide”

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. I need Thy presence ev’ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
3. Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev’ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
4. Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day; Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
5. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is
death’s sting? Where, grave, the victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, & point me to
the skies. Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee; In life, in death,
O Lord, abide with me.