



ASH WEDNESDAY

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For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Genesis 3:19b

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Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.; Wylie 11:15 a.m.

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Due to the solemn character of the day, pre-service music and a hymn of invocation are omitted. All enter in silence.

Stand

P 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 so that we may come to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

The Litany

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Imposition of Ashes

(Ashes are a sign of mortality and death. If you do not wish to receive ashes, then please cross yourself with your arms or remain in the pew.)

Stand

Corporate Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and**

death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 51

(vs. 1-13; antiphon v.17)



P The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*

a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will | not despise.

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*

according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

C **Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,***

and cleanse me | from my sin!

P For I know my trans- | gressions,*

and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

C **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.

P Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*

and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

C **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,***

and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

P Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*

wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

C **Let me hear joy and | gladness;***

let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.

P Hide your face | from my sins,*

and blot out all my in- | iquities.

**C Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.**

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

**C Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.**

P Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,*
and sinners will re- | turn to you.

**C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will | not despise.

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12-19

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 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. 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? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; 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.

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?'" Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C **Thanks be to God.**

High School Choir: *"Saviour, When in Dust to Thee"* (noon)

Senior Choir: *"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"* (7:00 pm)

Epistle Reading

2 Peter 1:2-11

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “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.

“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. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“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. 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.

[Jesus said:] “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. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 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.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Sit

Sermon Hymn: *“From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee”*

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Sermon

Offering

“Psalm 51” High School Choir

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

(after each portion of the prayer)

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord have mercy.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - Sanctus - Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord - Pax Domini - Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns:

"Lord, to You I Make Confession"

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"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

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Nunc Dimittis-Thanksgiving-Post-Communion Collect *p199*

Salutation - Benedicamus - Benediction

Closing Hymn: *"When In the Hour of Deepest Need"*

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