

*Repent*



*and*

*Believe*

*the Gospel*

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**Ash Wednesday Divine Service**  
**February 17, 2021**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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 Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

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

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

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

**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 times of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C** Help us, good Lord.
- P** To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; 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 they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P** I confess to God Almighty, and before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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### Psalm 51:1-13

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup>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.
- <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- <sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

**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.**

**Office Hymn**

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

**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;

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup>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?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
consecrate a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;

<sup>16</sup>gather the people.  
Consecrate the congregation;  
assemble the elders;

even nursing infants.  
Let the bridegroom leave his  
room,  
and the bride her chamber.  
<sup>17</sup>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?’”  
<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous  
for his land  
and had pity on his people.  
<sup>19</sup>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.

gather the children,

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**6** Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,

<sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we

commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

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

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret

people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to

will reward you.

... <sup>16</sup>“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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

### Responsory

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**C** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**P** You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**C** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**P** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Sermon** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Offering**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** 547 The Lamb

**[Benediction for Streaming Viewers**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

**C** Amen.]

**Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Your, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honour, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

**P** In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

### Words of Institution

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, HE gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## Distribution

### Post-Communion Collect

**P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that this heavenly food which we have received will strengthen our faith that we may bear all crosses, sickness, and trials with patience and trust until You grant us deliverance, peace, and health; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis

**C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.

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.

**C** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

## Benediction

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.
- C** Amen.