



ASH WEDNESDAY

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Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018

Prelude

“Herzliebster Jesu”

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn

“Eternal Lord of Love”

#321

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

Invitation

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, God created us to be in communion with God, to love all people, and to live in harmony with all of God’s creation. However, sin separates us from God, our neighbor, and creation. Consequently, we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. God grieves because of our sin and desires us to turn back to God rather than come under judgment. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and love of neighbor, and to repent. Therefore, I invite you to confess your sins, and put your trust in a forgiving God.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

Confession (R-Organ side; L-Lectern side)

Psalm 51

R: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

R: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

L: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so you are justified when you speak and blameless when you pass judgment.

R: Indeed, I have been born into sin, and a sinner from my mother’s womb.

L: For behold, you desire truth within me, and will teach me wisdom secretly in my heart.

R: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

L: Let me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

R: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

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

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

L: Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Imposition of Ashes

Those who desire to receive ashes may come forward and stand or kneel at the communion rail. The minister will apply ashes in the sign of the cross to the forehead of each person with the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." You may return to your seat as you desire. When all have returned to their seats, the confession continues.

R: Now I will teach your ways to transgressors, and sinners will return to you.

L: Deliver me from death, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

R: O God, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.

L: For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to offer a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

R: The sacrifice acceptable to you is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

L: Be favorable and gracious to Zion, and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of love and compassion, grant to us the power of your Spirit, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive your full pardon and forgiveness for all of our sins through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to God?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory

of God shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and God will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

God will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God.

Response

“Within Our Darkest Night”

Taizé

(sing twice)

♩ = 63

p B Em D

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -
 Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés al - lu - me le feu qui ne s' é - teint ja -

mf G C G D *f* *p* G Em C Am

way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
 mais, ne s' é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le

B Em Am B *pp* Em Am B *fine*

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est
 feu qui ne s' é - teint ja - mais, ne s' é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri -

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For God says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

Response

“Nothing Can Trouble”

Taizé

(sing twice)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Nothing can trou - ble, nothing can fright-en. Those who seek God shall". The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "nev - er go want-ing. God a - lone fills us." There are first and second endings indicated by the numbers 1 and 2 above the notes.

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your God in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you

give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your God who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your God who is in secret; and your God who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your God who is in secret; and your God who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

P: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

Homily

“Is It Just a Little Ash?”

(Please stand)

Hymn of the Day

“When in the Hour of Deepest Need”

(Sung to the tune: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts)

When in the hour of deepest need we know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought no help or counsel yet have brought;

Our comfort then is this alone; that we may meet before your throne
And cry to you, O faithful God, for rescue from our sorry lot.

For you have made a promise true to pardon those who flee to you,
Through him whose name alone is great, our Savior and our advocate.

And so we come, O God, today, and all our woes before you lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand, perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.

Oh, from our sins hide not your face; absolve us through your boundless grace!
Be with us in our anguish still! Free us at last from ev'ry ill!

So we with all our hearts each day to you our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to your Word, and now and ever praise you, Lord.

Prayers of the People

A: Let us pray: Gracious and merciful God, giver of all things, with gladness we give thanks for all your goodness. We bless you for the love which has created and sustains us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of Jesus, our Savior, through whom you have made known your grace and truth. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, and for your holy Church; for the means of grace; for the lives of all faithful and good people; and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that you have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are wholly given to your service.

C: O God, hear our prayer.

A: Unite and preserve your whole Church, called and gathered by your Spirit. Give to the Church bishops, pastors and ministers filled with faith and courage. Strengthen the Church through the Word and the Holy Sacraments. Help your chosen people to follow in the way of Jesus and make them perfect in love and in all good deeds. Transform us so that we may bear witness to your love, justice, peace and freedom, and glorify you in all that we think, say and do.

C: O God, hear our prayer.

A: Guide our nation in the way of justice and peace. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, and give them the ability to rule with love and good will. Help us to know our place in the world, so that we may live for the common good of all.

C: O God, hear our prayer.

A: Let your blessing rest upon the seedtime and the harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, as well as the arts and culture of our people. Take under your special protection all those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who lay their hands to any useful task. Guide and motivate us to pursue those laws that would secure a sufficient and sustainable livelihood for all.

C: O God, hear our prayer.

A: Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptism and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and love. By the spirit of affection and service, unite the members of all in our community so that we may be witnesses to your love in our land and throughout the world.

C: O God, hear our prayer.

A: Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care.

C: O God, hear our prayer.

P: For all of these persons and relationships, we pray to you and entrust all of our petitions to your eternal wisdom and grace, through Jesus, our Christ.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Offering/Musical Offering

“Dust and Ashes”

David Haas

Dust and ashes touch our face,
Mark our failure and our falling.
Holy Spirit, come, walk with us tomorrow,
Take us as disciples,
Washed and wakened by your calling. *Refrain*

Take us by the hand and lead us,
Lead us through the desert sands,
Bring us living water, Holy Spirit, come.

Dust and ashes soil our hands,
Greed of market, pride of nation.
Holy Spirit, com, walk with us tomorrow,
As we pray and struggle,
Through the meshes of oppression. *Refrain*

Dust and Ashes choke our tongue
In the wasteland of depression.
Holy Spirit, come, walk with us tomorrow,
Through all gloom and grieving
To the paths of resurrection.

(Please stand)

Offertory Hymn

“Come and Fill”

Taize

(sing twice)

♩ = 66

D Bm D A

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Em C Em A D

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: Blessed are you, Creator God, Maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of anguish and despair, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry. Our hunger and thirst for justice and righteousness is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to those who are afflicted, to break bread with those who are outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with the wisdom and courage to pursue love and justice in all the world. Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of Jesus, our Christ, through whom all glory and honor are yours, both now and forever.

C: Amen

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Distribution of Holy Communion

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

#319

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

#324

(Please stand)

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of Jesus Christ liberate us for the journey of this Lenten season and give us the hope of a renewed life.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: Gracious and merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ both as a revelation of your way of salvation, and as a witness to the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Benediction

Hymn

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

#326

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Prince of Peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Herzliebster Jesu”

Johannes Brahms

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*“Within Our Darkest Night”, “Nothing Can Trouble”
“Come and Fill”*

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EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING during the Lenten season, a worship service will be offered at **7:00 p.m.** to give you an opportunity to center yourself and reflect upon your Lenten journey. We will be using the liturgical setting **“Unfailing Light”** by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl. Come and journey with us for the next 5 weeks.

Sunday Schedule

Worship with Holy Communion:

9:30 AM

Fellowship: 10:30 AM

Christian Education: 11:00 AM

- Adult Forum
- Sunday School

Child Care: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Outreach at ULC

Elizabeth Gregory Home – Daily

Sanctuary Art Center – 5 times weekly

Teen Feed – 2 times weekly

ULu Women's Shelter - Daily

ULC Outreach in Seattle

Church Council of Greater Seattle

Compass Housing Alliance

Community Lunch at Central LC

Earth Ministry

Faith Action Network

Lutheran Campus Ministry - UW

Lutheran Community Services NW

Open Door Ministries

University Churches Emergency Fund

University District Foodbank

Young Adult Shelter (ROOTS)

WELCOME!

Welcome to University Lutheran Church! We welcome you into the life and ministry of this congregation, and pray that as you worship with us and become familiar with our people and our many activities, you will discover a place to belong and a way to participate in this corporate ministry of Jesus Christ.

ULC is a metropolitan congregation, committed to being a vital ministry in the University District and the world. We offer a variety of liturgies for worship in order to make a joyful noise unto God every Sunday.

As a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation**, we affirm the dignity and worth of people of all races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identity, social status, age, physical capability and economic condition. As a **Greening Congregation**, we strive to be faithful stewards of God's creation. As an **Advocating Congregation** we make our voices known to our governing authorities on behalf of those who are crying out for justice and peace.

Please join us after service in the lounge for goodies and fellowship!

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