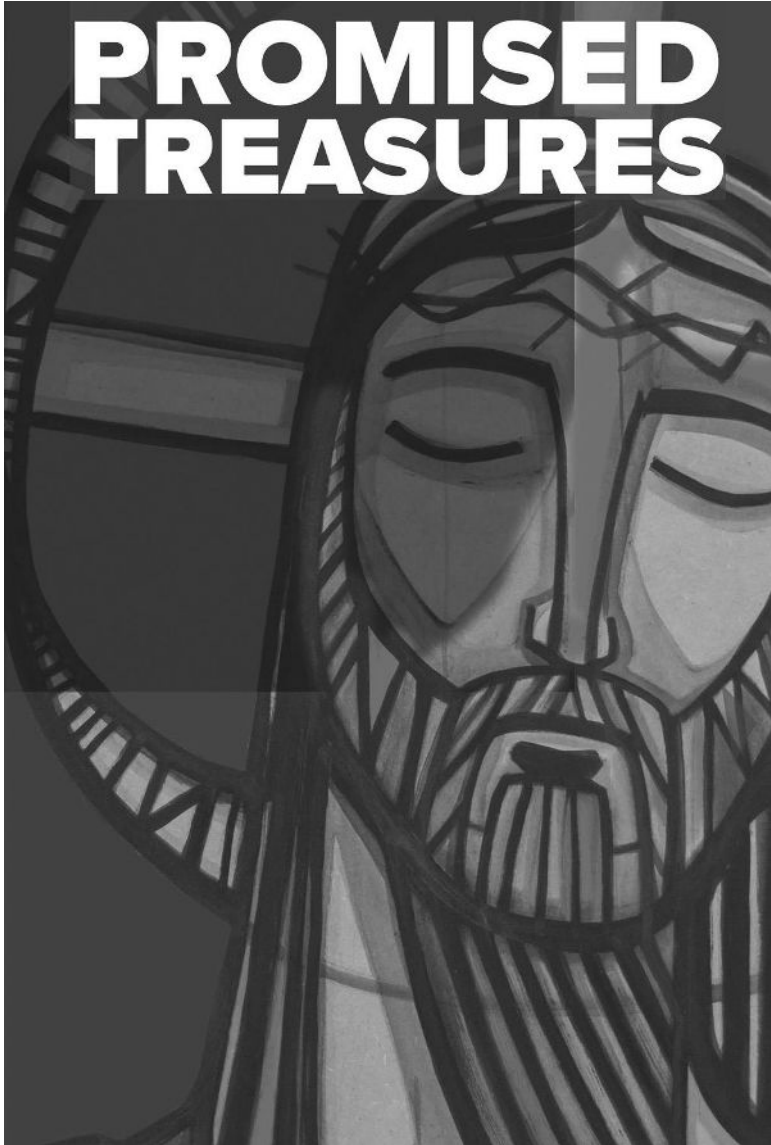


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*Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023*

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## Ash Wednesday

*Lenten Worship February 22, 2023*



### SITTING IN DUST AND ASHES

Lent begins with ashes. The wearing of ashes on our forehead may seem like an unusual tradition, but it is rich with meaning. From the earliest days, God's children have repented before Him in sackcloth and ashes, a visual reflection of their hearts turning to Him for forgiveness and restoration. Fixing our eyes on Jesus during the forty-day season of Lent, we journey with Him to Calvary's cross where, enduring the "ashes" of our sins and the penalty they deserve, He grants to us the beauty of His forgiveness, full and free. Let us be renewed in our hearts and minds this day as we gather in the Lord's house. His Word will show us our great need for His saving love and deliver to us the treasures He has promised.

# ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

## Ash Wednesday Address

- L** 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.

## Litany for Ash Wednesday

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|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>L</b> O Lord,                             | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>L</b> O Christ,                           | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>L</b> O Lord,                             | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>L</b> O Christ,                           | <b>C</b> hear us.             |
| <b>L</b> God the Father in heaven,           | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>L</b> God the Son, Redeemer of the world, | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>L</b> God the Holy Spirit,                | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>L</b> Be gracious to us.                  | <b>C</b> Spare us, good Lord. |
| <b>L</b> Be gracious to us.                  | <b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.  |
- L** 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.
- L** In all time 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.

**L** We poor sinners implore You

**C** to hear us, O Lord.

**L** 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.

**L** 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.

**L** 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.

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** we implore You to hear us.

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

**C** have mercy.

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

**C** have mercy.

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

**C** grant us Your peace.

**L** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**L** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.

**L** 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.

## The Imposition of Ashes

*It is a centuries old custom of the Christian Church to mark believers on Ash Wednesday with ashes. This marking is a sign of repentance and sorrow over sin and a hope-filled prayer in Christ that a person, strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, may amend one's sinful life. While the marking of the ashes is not a mandate from scripture, we realize that you may find this tradition personally meaningful and beneficial.*



*Hymn sung during Imposition of Ashes*

### Savior, When in Dust to Thee

LSB 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!

## Confession and Absolution

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

- L** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

- L** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 51:1–4, 10–12*

- L** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- C** **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- L** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- C** **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

**L** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

**C** **so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

**L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**

**L** Cast me not away from your presence,

**C** **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**L** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**C** **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.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**L** Let us pray.

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.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Job 30:11–19*

**L** The Old Testament Reading is from Job, the thirtieth chapter.

<sup>11</sup>Because God has loosed my cord and humbled me,  
they have cast off restraint in my presence.

<sup>12</sup>On my right hand the rabble rise;  
they push away my feet;  
they cast up against me their ways of destruction.

<sup>13</sup>They break up my path;  
they promote my calamity;  
they need no one to help them.

<sup>14</sup>As through a wide breach they come;  
amid the crash they roll on.

<sup>15</sup>Terrors are turned upon me;  
my honor is pursued as by the wind,  
and my prosperity has passed away like a cloud.

<sup>16</sup>And now my soul is poured out within me;  
days of affliction have taken hold of me.

<sup>17</sup>The night racks my bones,  
and the pain that gnaws me takes no rest.

<sup>18</sup>With great force my garment is disfigured;  
it binds me about like the collar of my tunic.

<sup>19</sup>God has cast me into the mire,  
and I have become like dust and ashes.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 5:16—6:2*

**L** The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the fifth and sixth chapters.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>1</sup>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.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Verse for Lent

LSB 157



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:20–30

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup>“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup>But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup>And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup>But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

LSB 158

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
 glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing**

LSB 421



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each tempt -  
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

**Prayer of the Church**

- L** Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for blessing us with the opportunity to meditate again on the cross of Christ and receive Your promised treasures.
- C** **Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation bring us the riches of Your pardon and peace.**
- L** Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,
- C** **that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.**
- L** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who come to You in repentance and faith.
- C** **Create in us clean hearts to receive from You the promised treasures of Your mercy and forgiveness.**
- L** Holy Spirit, lift up troubled souls everywhere. Grant wholeness to those hurting in heart, body, and mind. Work Your healing power in the lives of those in need and in the lives of all we name before You in our hearts.
- C** **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer***LSB 162*

- L** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

## Benediction

LSB 166

- L** The Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.  
The Lord look upon us with favor and  $\text{✝}$  give us peace.
- G** Amen.

## Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420 sts. 5–7

5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I  
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it  
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows

might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:  
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,  
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,

Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy  
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to  
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy

soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish,  
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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## Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

*Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season*



### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00 pm *Worship with Imposition of Ashes*



### **Midweek Lent Services**

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



### **Palm Sunday Services**

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 am & 10:45 am



### **Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



### **Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



### **Easter Services**

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at  
6:00 am (*sunrise*)  
8:00 am (*traditional*) & 10:45 am (*blended*)