

Ash Wednesday

10:00 AM Service

February 17, 2021

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Psalm 51: 1--17

Confession and Forgiveness

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot off my offenses.

² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you, only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶ **You desire truth in the inmost being; teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew and right spirit within me.**

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴ **Deliver me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶ **For you have no delight in sacrifice; or I would give it; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**

¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

Invitation to Lenten Discipline

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most holy and merciful God,

C: We confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Hymn #801 “Change My Heart”

Refrain: Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

1. You are the potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me this is what I pray. Refrain

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 Pg. 1152
(Please rise for the Gospel)

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 Pg. 1503

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn # 793 “Be Thou My Vision” sts. 1, 3

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

I believe in Jesus Christ,

***God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.***

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

MEAL

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we look with hope for his coming again.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Prayer

Words of Institution

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

Invitation to Communion

Prayer after Communion

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Imposition of Ashes