

Worship Leader Edition – Ash Wednesday

Who We Are Because of Who Jesus Is: Acts of Discipleship

February 17, 2021

11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

On Ash Wednesday, our Lenten journey begins. It is a time to return to the Lord. During Lent, we reflect on the meaning of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes reminds us of our human mortality and frailty. We are invited to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

GATHERING

IMPOSITION OF ASHES *(at Sanctuary Door)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME *(Stephanie)*

IMPOSITION OF ASHES *(Stephanie)*

(Invite the people at home to impose the ashes upon each other)

L: 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.

C: Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Assistant)*

L: Lord Jesus, Great Teacher, you place tremendous responsibility upon those who follow you. You demand more than we are often willing to give. You promise no safety, only that the way will be rough. Make us ready and willing to walk your rocky path and carry your subversive word to hostile ears, for the hope and promise of rewarding life in Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

WORD

PSALM 51

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Michael Burkhardt

Mollee Erickson

FIRST READING *(Lector)*

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ‘To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

L: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

Please stand as you are able.

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

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Verse 1

Come down, O love divine;
Seek thou this soul of mine
And visit it
With thine own ardor glowing;

O Comforter, draw near;
Within my heart appear
And kindle it,
Thy holy flame bestowing.

Verse 2

Oh, let it freely burn,
Till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes
In its heat consuming;

And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round,
The while my path illuming.

Verse 3

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become
Mine inner clothing

True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings
Weeps with loathing.

Verse 4

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far out pass
The pow'r of human telling;

No soul can guess Love's grace
Till it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit
Makes a dwelling.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

C: 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

L: Hear us, O Lord,

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Pastor Rob*)

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*spoken*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. As we prepare to receive this gift of life and forgiveness, let us take a moment of silent confession.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Pastor Rob*)

THE 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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Stephanie*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

+BENEDICTION (*Stephanie*)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

"Lord Jesus, Think On Me"

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Verse 1

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From selfish passions set me free
And make me pure within.

Verse 2

Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be
And taste your promised rest.

Verse 3

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out your chosen way.

Verse 4

Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share your joy at last.

+DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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