

Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2021
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Prelude

Confession (*stand*) p. 203

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word . . . God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

Absolution (*congregation responds "Amen"*) p. 204

Introit *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12; antiphon: v. 17

- Solo* Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness.
All **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness.**

- Solo* The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will | not despise.

- All* **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness.**

- Solo* Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your | loving-kindness;*
In Your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,*
and cleanse me | from my sin.
For I know | my transgressions,*
and my sin is ev - | er before me.

- All* **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness.**

- Solo* Create in me a clean | heart, O God,*
and renew a right spir- | it within me.
Cast me not away | from Your presence,*
and take not Your Holy | Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of Your saving | help again,*
and sustain me with Your boun- | tiful Spirit.

- All* **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

- Solo* The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will | not despise.

- All* **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness.**

Kyrie p. 204

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P 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.**
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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. (sit)**

Old Testament *He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions*

Isaiah 53:4-7

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle *The Favorable Time*

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*)

Joel 2:13b

Solo Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

All **Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Holy Gospel *Jesus Is Mocked*

Matthew 27:27-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

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

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen. (*sit*)

Hymn of the Day "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450, *st. 1 soloist*

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

Sermon "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded st. 1" Matthew 27:27-31

Hymn of the Day "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450, *st. 1 congregation*

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

Offering

Prayer of the Church (*stand*) congregation responds "Hear our prayer"

Preface p. 208

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 . . . praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Solo Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
All Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Solo Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
All Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation . . . Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution (sit)

Post-Communion Collect and Benedicamus (stand)

P We give thanks to You . . . one God, now and forever.
C Amen.
P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

congregation responds "Amen"

Closing Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB 425, *soloist st. 3*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
 Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Postlude

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