Ash Wednesday

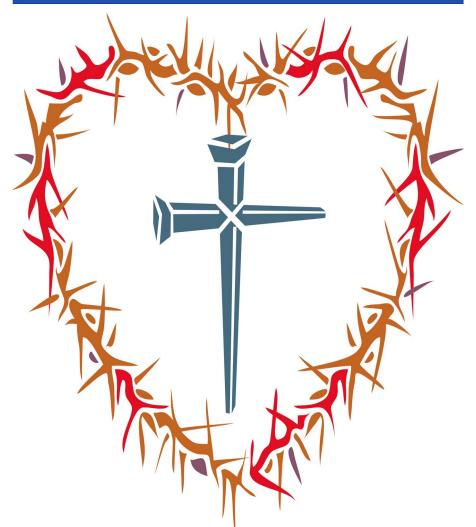
"We Preach Christ Crucified ... "

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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As We Gather

As we begin our Lenten journey, we, once again, return from our wandering to our gracious and merciful God who has paved the way for us to be reconciled to Him through His Son, Jesus. "For our sake He made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). Because of Jesus, our heavenly Father rewards us with the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live lives of righteous service in His name.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 12-15 of the bulletin.]

╋ Preparation for Worship ╋

TLH 145 – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Hymn

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 6:1-2; 79:8-9

- O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,
- **C** nor discipline me in Your wrath.
- **P** Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
- **C** heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- **P** Do not remember against us our former iniquities;
- **C** let Your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.
- Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;
- **C** deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

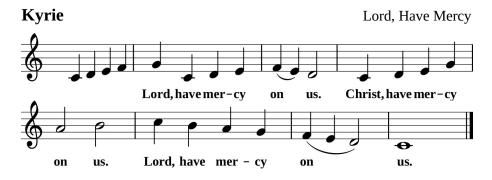
Confession and Absolution

▶ Let us now confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. We sing together the words of a confessional hymn as our words of confession for this day.

Hymn TLH 318 – Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All 0 0 Be fore Thee, God, who know - est all, With _ Lord, my God. pray: 0 to Thee I Oh. 0 Je - sus, let Thv pre - cious blood Be 6 Ø grief and shame Ι pros-trate fall. Ι see mv not in wrath a - way! Let Thy good cast me to my soul а cleans-ing flood. Turn not, O sins Lord. The sins of thought, of a – gainst Thee. Spir - it part, But ne'er de let Him draw to Lord, Thy guest way, But grant that a _ jus – ti deed, and word. They Ι press me sore; cry to Thee my heart That tru – ly pen – i – tent Ι fied I may Go house at peace with to my Ø 0 Thee: God. 0 be mer – ci ful to me! be: be 0 God, ful me! mer – ci to Thee: 0 God, be mer – ci ful me! to _

- In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.





I The Service of the Word I →

Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 12:1-13

¹ And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.² The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him.⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶ and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." ⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus savs the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.⁸ And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹¹ Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹² For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.' " ¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51:1-13

- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- **G** according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- **P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- **C** and cleanse me from my sin!
- **P** For I know my transgressions,
- **C** and my sin is ever before me.
- P 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.
- P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
- **C** and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- **P** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
- **C** and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- **P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
- **C** wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- **P** Let me hear joy and gladness;
- **C** let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- **P** Hide your face from my sins,
- **G** and blot out all my iniquities.
- **P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- **C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- **P** Cast me not away from your presence,
- **C** and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- **P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
- **C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- **P** Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
- **C** and sinners will return to you.

Epistle Reading

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ¹ Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² 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.

Confession of Faith

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon Text

⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸ And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I

Nicene Creed

Luke 22:54-62

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am not." ⁵⁹ And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.



Bitter Tears

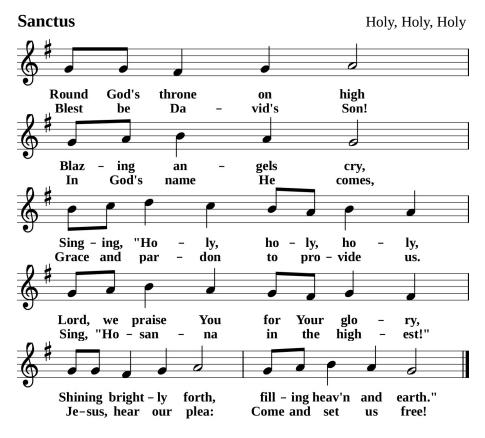
Offertory TLH 179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image On my heart im - print Thine im – age, Bless-ed Je - sus. That life's rich - es, King of Grace. plea-sures cares, and ef – face. Have no pow'r Thee to This the su - per -Je-sus, cru-ci - fied for me, Is my Life, my scrip-tion be: and Sal-va hope's Foun-da-tion, And my Glo-ry tion. _ Hymn TLH 516 – In the Hour of Trial

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

✤ The Service of the Sacrament ✤

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them up to the Lord.
- It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God... ...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



Words of Institution

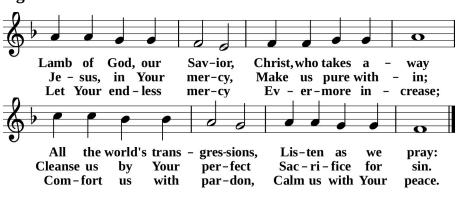
Lamb of God

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

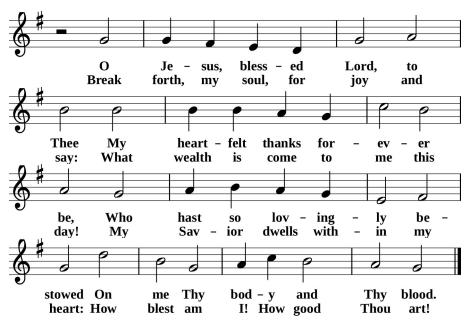


Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a 'Sacrament' because it is a "Sacred act;" not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God's Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We'd love to have you!



Post-Communion Canticle



Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.

We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

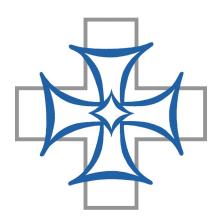
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

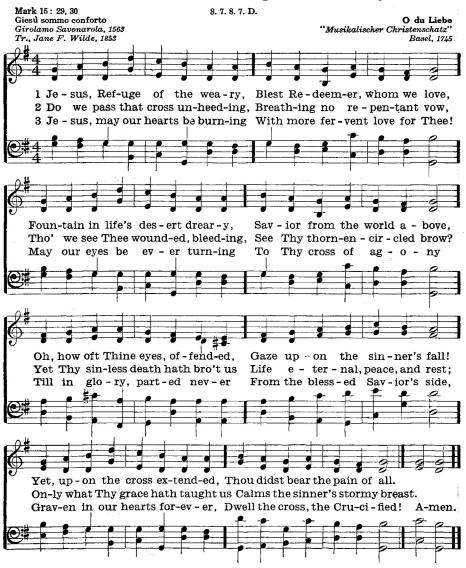
Hymn

TLH 159 – Go to Dark Gethsemane

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TLH 145 – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



TLH 320 - Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Ps. 119: 133 Μνώεο Χριστέ Synesius of Cyrene, †430 Tr., Allen W. Chatfield, 1876, cento	S. M. William	Southwell "Psalter" Daman, 1579
1 Lord Je - sus, think on 2 Lord Je - sus, think on 3 Lord Je - sus, think on	me And purge a - way my me, With man - ya care op me A - mid the bat - tle'	- prest;
Let me Thy lov - ing ser - van	 free And make me pure with-in nt be And taste Thy prom-ised res r - y Be Thou my Health and Lin 	t.
4 Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray; Through darkness and perplexity Point Thou the heavenly way.		ess sée
5 Lord Jesus, think on me	7 Lord Jesus, think on me	

- When floods the tempest high; When on doth rush the enemy, O Savior, be Thou nigh!
- 7 Lord Jesus, think on me That I may sing above To Father, Spirit, and to Thee The strains of praise and love.

TLH 516 – In the Hour of Trial

6. 5. 6. 5. D. St. Mary Magdalene Luke 22: 31, 32 John B. Dykes, 1862 James Montgomery, 1884, alt. 3 Je - sus, plead for 1 In the hour of \mathbf{tri} al, me for - bid - den plea ures Should this vain world charm 2 With Sor - row, toil, and 3 Should Thy mer - cy send me woe. Fraught with strife and 4 When my last hour com - eth, pain, Lest by base de ni al I de part from Thee. ----Or its tempt-ing Spread to work me harm, trea - ures my \mathbf{Or} should pain at - tend me On path be low, When my dust re - turn eth то the dust a gain, When Thou see'st me wa ver, With look call a re -Bring to my re mem-brance Sad Geth - sem - a ne I Fail Grant that may nev Thy hand er to see; truth Thro' that mor - tal On Thy re ly ing, strife. Nor for fear or fa - vor Suf - fer me to fall. dark - er sem-blance, Cross-crowned Cal-va-ry. Or. in Grant that I may ev er Cast my care on Thee. -Je - sus, take me, dy ing. То e ter - nal life. A - men.

TLH 159 – Go to Dark Gethsemane

7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. Lam. 3: 19 Gethsomane Richard Redhead, 1858 James Montgomery, 1820, 1825 Ye that feel the Tempt-er's pow'r; 1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment-hall, View the Lord of life ar-raigned: Your Re-deem-er's con-flicts see, Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Turn not from His griefs a - way, Learn of Je-sus Christ to pray. Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross. A-men.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet, Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom,—
Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.



