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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 7:00 p.m.



Today marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday occurs forty days before Easter, not including six Sundays (which are considered feast days), and recalls Jesus's forty days in the wilderness, itself mirroring the Israelites' forty years in the desert. In the lesson from Isaiah, the Lord denounces the people of Israel for their unrighteousness and calls them to a fast that releases the bonds of injustice and sets the oppressed free. In line with the prophet, Jesus teaches how those who follow him are to avoid hypocrisy by giving, praying, and fasting, as the Lord desires. Jesus calls his followers to store up treasure in heaven "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Aus tiefer Not schrei' ich zu dir, BWV 686

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Greetings and Announcements

*Processional Hymn 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: as we hear your word today, rescue our hearts from the darkness of sin and through the death of your Son lead us to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 647 in the pew Bibles

Isaiah 58:1–12

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Miserere mei, Deus

William Byrd
(c. 1542–1623)

Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum:
dele iniquitatem meam.

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offenses.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.*

–Psalm 51:1–2

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 5–6 in the pew Bibles

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

Prayer Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes | Those wishing to receive ashes will come forward to the stations. When all who desire have received the ashes, the service will continue with the Litany of Penitence. During the imposition of ashes, the choir will chant Psalm 51, which can be found on OT pages 492–493 in the pew Bible.

Litany of Penitence | The congregation responds with the text in bold:

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
Have mercy on us.

From our pride, vanity, and hypocrisy, and from all our evil plans,
Deliver us.

From our envy and malice, and from our hardness of heart,
Deliver us.

From our sloth and worldliness, and our lack of compassion,
Deliver us.

*All rise as able

From our love of money, our hoarding of possessions,
and our relentless desire to accumulate more,

Deliver us.

From the lust and greed
that obscures the image of God in others and ourselves,

Deliver us.

From the gorging of food, our neglect of the hungry,
and the misuse of creation,

Deliver us.

From our hatred, anger, and quick temper,
and from our reluctance to be reconciled with those we have hurt,

Deliver us.

Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the people | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

Henry Purcell
(1659–1695)

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

–Psalm 102:1

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn

Forty Days and Forty Nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody alt. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)
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Closing Voluntary

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J. S. Bach

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Luke A. Powery *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

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Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

**On Ash Wednesday:
An Examination of Conscience through the Ten Commandments**

Having no other gods	<i>Do I love God with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength?</i>
Making no idols	<i>Do I put possessions, career, family, reputation, or health ahead of God? Do I treat money, sex, and power as gifts or gods?</i>
Revering God's name	<i>Do all my words and actions glorify God?</i>
Keeping the Sabbath	<i>Do I let work take over my life? Do I find my identity in work or in being God's child? Do I set aside a full day each week to rest?</i>
Honoring parents	<i>Do my parents know I value and respect them? Do my children?</i>
Respecting life	<i>How do I respond when I am humiliated, insulted, or treated unfairly? Am I quick to forgive, or do I hold grudges and seek revenge? Do I let my anger get the better of me?</i>
Respecting relationships	<i>Do I treat friends or strangers as objects of my lust? Do I respect the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself? Do I treat sex as a precious and holy gift?</i>
Respecting property	<i>Am I greedy? Do I have things that rightly belong to others? Am I honest with regard to tax, expenses, loans, and debts? Am I a generous giver?</i>
Respecting truth	<i>Do I exaggerate to impress? Do I gossip? Do I keep my promises? Do I face the truth about myself? Do I share my true self with others?</i>
Governing desires	<i>Am I jealous? Am I thankful? Am I content with what God has given me? Do I curse the fact that life always seems easier for others?</i>

A Lenten Prayer—For Personal Lenten Discipline

Lord Jesus, you fasted and prayed in the wilderness for forty days. Help me to fast and pray during this time of Lent. Free my mind from distraction and protect me from the snares of the devil, that I may learn to love you and my neighbors more. Give me a spirit of generosity, so that I might share my gifts more freely with those who have less. Teach me to pray, that I might offer you praise and thanksgiving. Help me make time to reflect on your Word; may it challenge, console, and purify me. Be with me in times of hurt, doubt, and confusion. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, free me from sin, let me rise with you this Easter. I ask this in the name of Jesus, who died that I might be forgiven and have life to the full. Amen.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

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