

Ash Wednesday Worship Bulletin
Zoom Worship
February 17th, 2021
6:30 PM

Call to Worship

Liam Anderson and Ms. Joanne Marchionda

Let us worship God: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God's love endures forever.

Song: "Shout to the Lord" by Darlene Zschech

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

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Darlene Zschech

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Responsive Reading Psalm 51

Eli Braatz and Mr. Dave Erickson

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

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

Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

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

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have crushed rejoice.

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Elise Clarenbach and Ms. Sheryl Brown

Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.

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

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

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

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Prayer of Confession

Sydney VanderArk

Hear us as we open our hearts to You, O Merciful God, we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have not loved our neighbor as our selves.

We have been arrogant, boastful, and rude. We come into Your presence and offer our pride, our resentments, and our unforgiveness as our sacrifice. Receive our confessions that we pour out to You.

Please take a moment for Silent Confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Ms. Jolene Schry

As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove your sins from you. It is God's great gift of love that gives us assurance that though we have failed and strayed from the path which was laid for us, we have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

***Response Glory to God Hymnal #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" (vs 4)**

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

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Scriptures: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Henry Hayes and Mr. Lew Smith

^{2:1} Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—
² a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them
 in ages to come.

¹² Yet even now, says the Lord,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³ rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
 and relents from punishing.

¹⁴ Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
 and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain-offering and a drink-offering
 for the Lord, your God?

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶ gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
 assemble the aged;
gather the children,
 even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
 and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.
Let them say, 'Spare your people, O Lord,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
"Where is their God?"'

Isaiah 58:1-12

Jaeda and Ms. Carol Wetzel

^{58:1} Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.
³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Carson Langille and Mr. Scott Polacek

^{6:1} 'Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

² 'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶ 'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹ 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Violin Solo: "Lamb of God" by Twila Paris, played by Jaeda R.

CCLI Song # 16787 Twila Paris

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Message: "It's Time to See Differently"

A Service of Renunciation and Renewal

As a part of this service, you may wish to have water available to place upon your forehead as a reminder and renewal of the vows taken at baptism.

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We confess to You now the times when we have been selfish with our resources, jealous of others and their possessions, and meagre in responding to Your invitation to give of our wealth and time.

We lay before You now our words spoken out of bitterness and hostility. We confess to You those times when we allowed our wounds and insecurity to be given voice and for the harm that was inflicted by our careless speech.

Heavenly Father we renounce our impatience and irritation, our arrogance when we believed that we were not recognized or respected. We particularly confess all of the times when our self-importance caused us to be blind to the needs and cares of others in the world.

Jesus, Our Savior, we confess the evil of our judgment and condemnation of people on whom we choose to look down and to hold in contempt. We particularly renounce the sins that are shared through our land of discrimination, bigotry, and intolerance. Cleanse our hearts of prejudice of all kinds.

Loving and Compassionate God, we have failed to faithfully follow as You lead us. We chose to follow our own appetites and egos rather than trust in Your never-failing love for us. We have traded what is life-giving and precious for things that have no meaning.

We confess to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that we now see that we need Your love and grace to free us from the prisons we have created for ourselves. We trust in Your love, wisdom, and instruction. We offer to You our willingness to be renewed and made whole.

Holy God, we choose now to affirm Your will as the path to the joyful lives we crave.

Jesus our Savior, we acknowledge your grace as our one true source of meaning and purpose.

Holy Spirit, we claim your wisdom and inspiration as our source of renewal and peace.
Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Glory to God Hymnal #166 "Lord, who Throughout These Forty Days"

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend
and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence,
and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

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Benediction