

Ash Wednesday

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St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

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God on Trial: Accusations

Opening Hymn Supplement 738 "In Hopelessness and Near Despair"



1 In hope - less - ness and near de - spair, I
2 I see my heart's con - di - tion now, My
3 I trem - ble as I feel your hand, Ex -
4 For - giv - en, free of guilt and shame, Grant



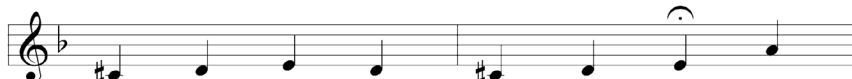
cry to you, my Sav - ior! My guilt is more than
heart's di - verse af - fec - tions. Why do I love the
pec - ting re - tri - bu - tion, Yet hear no curse or
me some time to ren - der A gift to glo - ri -



I can bear. I have not earned your fav - or. You
things you loathe; I'm torn in two di - rec - tions: Now
re - pri - mand, But grace and ab - so - lu - tion: With
fy your name, Love to re - flect your splen - dor: This



know me as I real - ly am: How
prod - i - gal, now Phar - i - see. O
you there is for - give - ness, Lord, You
world must know what I have learned, That



much is truth, how much is sham; Why
God, be mer - ci - ful to me; Who
speak the sweet, con - sol - ing Word, And
you be - stow what none has earned: The



should you heed my plead - ing?
else but you can help me?
I am sure you love me!
joy of full for - give - ness!

This hymn is a recasting of Martin Luther's great penitential hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to You."

Please stand

Confession of Sins

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

Amen.

I confess that I am by nature sinful.

I am guilty of many sins.

I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.

For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.

Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

Yes, I believe.

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Job 40:1,2; 42:1-6 EHV

The LORD responded to Job and said:

Will the one who makes charges against the Almighty
dare to correct him?

The one who accuses God should make his case!...

Job responded to the LORD. He said:

I know that you can do all things.

No purpose of yours can be thwarted.

You asked, “Who is this who spreads darkness over my plans
with his ignorant words?”

I have made statements about things I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me to know.
You said, "Listen now and I will speak.
I will ask you questions, and you will inform me."
My ear heard about you.
Now my eyes see you.
So I despise myself.
I repent in dust and ashes.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51a

"Be Merciful, O Lord"

Refrain



Tone

The musical notation for the tone is written on two staves, treble and bass clefs, in G minor. It consists of eight measures of music. The treble staff contains chords and melodic lines, while the bass staff contains chords. The lyrics are not present for this section.

Have mercy on / me, O God,
according to your un- / failing love;
according to your great com- / passion
blot out my trans- / gressions.

Wash away all my in- / iquity
and cleanse me / from my sin.
For I know my trans- / gressions,
and my sin is always be- / fore me. *Refrain*

Against you, you only, / have I sinned
and done what is evil / in your sight.
Surely I was sin- / ful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother con- / ceived me.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I / will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whit- / er than snow.
Hide your face / from my sins
and blot out all my in- / iquity.

**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. Refrain**

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Psalm Prayer

Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Second Reading

To the messenger of the church in Sardis write:

The one who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says this:
I know your works. You have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up, and strengthen what is left, which is about to die, for I have found that your works are not complete in the sight of my God. ³Therefore remember what you received and heard. Hold on to it and repent! If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come upon you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Revelation 3:1–3 EHV

Special Anthem

Grades 5-8
Adult Choir

3:30 PM
6:30 PM

“Jesus Your Blood and Righteousness”
“Lamb of God”

Please stand

Gospel

Luke 12:13–21 EHV

¹³ Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?”

¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man’s life is not measured by how many possessions he has.”

¹⁶ He told them a parable: “The land of a certain rich man produced very well. ¹⁷ He was thinking to himself, ‘What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ He said, ‘This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods. ¹⁹ And I will tell my soul, “Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry.”’

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?’

²¹ “That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day 396 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly that my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round thee, treat - ing thee with



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
all be whole; thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
cru - el scorn, and with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,
O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
rest to give my wea - ry soul; yea, the curse of
All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne that as thine thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing,
might - est own me and with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee
that from pain I might be free;
falsely did thy foes accuse thee:

thence I gain security.
Comfortless thy soul did languish
me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
and hast borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
for thy sorrows deep and sore,
for thine anguish in the garden,
I will thank thee evermore,
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,
for thy bleeding and thy dying,
for that last triumphant cry
and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

Text: Ernst C. Homburg, 1605–1681, abr.; (sts. 1–2, 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (sts. 3–4, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, alt. Tune: Das grosse Cantional, Darmstadt, 1687, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

Job 40:1,2; 42:1-6

God on Trial: Accusations

Please stand

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer

Offering

Please stand

Offering Hymn CW'93 113 v. 5 “Upon the Cross Extended”

5 Your cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to you forever;
I am no longer mine.
To you I gladly tender
All that my life can render
And all I have to you resign.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and

preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

Distribution

If you are visiting today, we ask you to speak to the pastor before communing. Here at St. John's we follow the historic and scriptural practice of closed Communion (sometimes called member Communion).

Holy Communion expresses our oneness in faith and confession. To commune with us is the same as declaring, "I believe everything this church teaches." Before communing together, we need to study God's Word together to ensure that we are united in belief and confession. Therefore, we respectfully ask other Christians to receive instruction before communing with us. We welcome to the Lord's Table those who confess unity in faith with us by their membership in another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS or ELS). If you have any questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

Hymn 670

“I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and
2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and
3 I should not be your sheep, dear Sav - ior; I stray in
4 O let me loathe all sin for - ev - er as death and



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -
drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your
sin's ac - cursed ter - rain. And yet you par - don
poi - son to my soul, that I through will - ful



lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.
bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
my be - hav - ior; my faith - ful Shep - herd you re - main.
sin - ning nev - er may see your judg - ment take its toll!



Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

- 5 Your holy heart has one obsession,
one blessed thing it burns to do—
to cleanse the sinner from transgression;
so I, a sinner, come to you. (Refrain)
- 6 My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me,
by all this weight of sin oppressed!
Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me
and feed me as your grateful guest. (Refrain)

- 7 Within me, Lord, your vision traces
a heart of deep humility
that mourns its sin and yet embraces
the merit you have earned for me. (Refrain)
- 8 By faith I call your holy table
the testament of your deep love,
for by your gift I now am able
to know the heart of God above. (Refrain)
- 9 This meal with blessing is abounding:
to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,
to angels joy, to hell confounding,
and life for me in death's dark hour. (Refrain)
- 10 My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
shall live in joy eternally. (Refrain)

Text: Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677-1754, abr.; (sts. 1, Ref, 2, 4, 8-10): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; (sts. 3, 5-7): tr. Michael D. Schultz, b. 1963

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn 393

“Savior, When in Dust to You”

Choir sings vs. 1-2, Congregation sings vs. 3-4



- 1 Sav - ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom - age due,
- 2 By your help - less in - fant years, by your life of want and tears,
- 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, by your ag - o - ny of prayer,
- 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul - chral stone,



when, re - pent - ant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes,
by your days of deep dis - tress in the sav - age wil - der - ness,
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,
by the vault whose dark a - bode held in vain the ris - ing God,



O, by all your pains and woe suf - fer - ed once for us be - low,
by the dread, mys - te - rious hour of th' in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,
O, from earth to heav'n re - stored, might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,



bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
turn, O turn a fa - v'ring eye, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
lis - ten to our hum - ble sigh, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

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Lenten Meal hosted by our
St. John's Adult Choir*



MENU

Hot Turkey Sandwiches

along with various salads, chips, pickles, and ice cream

There is a free-will offering to help offset the cost of the meal and to support our Adult Choir in their ministry by purchasing new music. Donations may be given with cash/check at the meal or on our website and app (enter "Adult Choir" into the memo line).