

Lent at St. Paul's Lutheran - Cudahy

March 2, 2022



Today, we follow the example of believers of the past and make use of this day to think about our own sins, confess our knowledge of them, admit to the curse they carry, but also to recall the source of their cure.

We Gather

We gather with heavy hearts and heads bowed in humility to worship on this Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten Season. Here, we witness the depth of our sins and the height of Jesus' love. With the sackcloth and ashes of repentance we come into your presence, O God, using your Word - Psalm 51, and our Hymn of Confession, to express our unworthiness.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. (51:1,2)

♪ **With broken heart and contrite sigh, (303)**
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Your pard'ning grace is rich and free -
O God, be merciful to me!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. (51:3,4)

♪ **I smite upon my troubled breast,**
With deep and conscious guilt oppressed,
Christ and his cross my only plea -
O God, be merciful to me!

Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. (51:5,6)

♪ **Far off I stand with tearful eyes**
Nor dare uplift them to the skies;
But all my anguish, Lord, you see -
O God, be merciful to me!

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. (51:7-9)

♪ **No gifts, no deeds that I have done
Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee –
O God, be merciful to me!**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (51:10-12)

Silence for meditation.

The almighty God has been merciful to you and has sent his Son to die for you. For his sake, God forgives your sins and calls you from the darkness of sin into his marvelous light.

Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins.
Be assured that you are dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

♪ **And when, redeemed from sin and hell,
With all the ransomed throng I dwell,
My joyous song shall ever be:
GOD HAS BEEN MERCIFUL TO ME!**

First Reading – 2 Samuel 12:1-13

*King David hid his sin of adultery by committing another sin, murder.
The Lord will go to any length to call the sinner to repentance.*

The LORD sent Nathan (the prophet) to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³ but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

⁴ “Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

⁵ David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! ⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹ Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’

¹¹ “This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. ¹² You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”

¹³ Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading – Luke 18:9-14

*Jesus tells a parable about what makes us right in God's eyes.
It's not a trust in our own goodness.*

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. We confessed that we've fallen short of your glory and been absolved with your sweet forgiveness. We've heard in your Word again your desire that all would repent. Help us and by your Holy Spirit give us ears that hear and hearts that believe today's message. May both the weight and the joy of this season be on our hearts as we move through these six weeks. In our Savior's name we pray.

Amen.

Hymn – *What Wondrous Love Is This* (120)

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1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
 down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
 sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

What won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of
 When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for

bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing

soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Message: Week One – Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)

Mark 14:55-65



⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” ⁶¹ But

Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

⁶² “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. ⁶⁴ “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

Hymn – *He Stood Before the Court”* (115)



1 He stood be - fore the court On trial in - stead of
2 These are the crimes that tell The tale of hu - man
3 The sen - tence must be passed, The un - known pris - 'ner
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is

us; He met its pow'r to hurt, Con - demned to
guilt; Our sins, our death, our hell— On these the
killed; The price is paid at last, The law of
done; We live, for he has died, Our con - dem -

face the cross— Our King, ac - cused of teach - er -
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and

y; Our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
dumb. The guilt is ours; no an - swers come.
day Th' ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
raised, A - live and free— his name be praised!

As We Gather the Offering, Please Sign and Share the Friendship Register

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Lord our God is merciful and tenderhearted. He abounds in love and faithfulness. We ask him to turn to us in our anguish, and to hear our cry for mercy.

Silence for meditation.

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

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.

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

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Distribution Hymn – *Christ, the Life of All the Living* (114)



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
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise thee That from pain I



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.
might be free; False - ly did thy foes ac - cuse 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
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty. Com - fort - less thy



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.
soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.

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Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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6 Thou has 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.

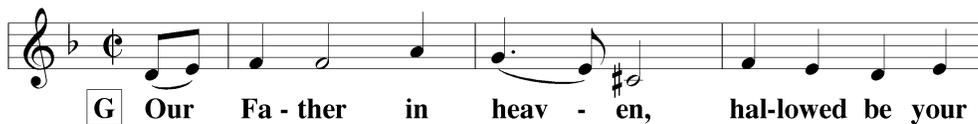
Prayer of Thanksgiving

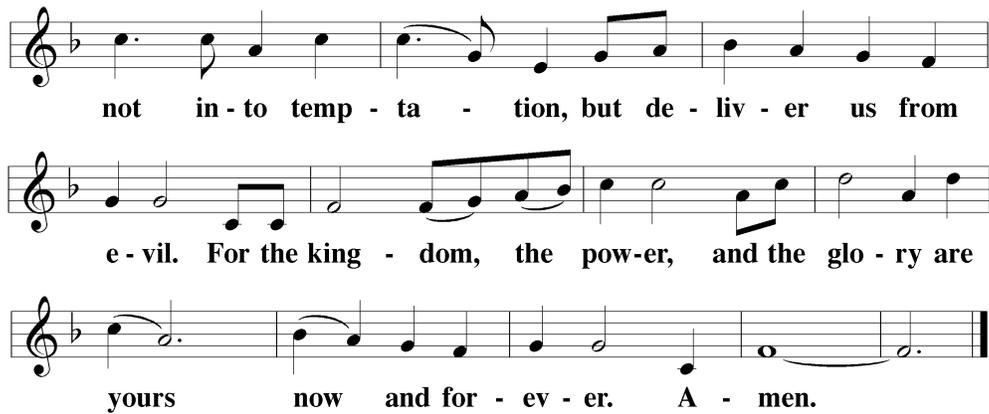
God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gifts of forgiveness and a firmer faith that we receive through your Supper. Refresh us with the joy of salvation that we walk together with our brothers and sisters here at St. Paul's. Renew our minds and wills that we may speak your Word of peace that many may see our example, hear your good news, and be saved.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:





not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from
 e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
 yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Blessing

Let the blessing of the Almighty be upon us,
 His strength to guide and guard us as we pass through these days of Lent.
Amen.

Closing Hymn - *Not All the Blood of Beasts* (128)



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Is - rael's
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our
 3 In faith I place my hand On that dear
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - jice To see the
 al - tars slain Could give the guilt - y con - science
 sins a - way, A sac - ri - fice of no - bler
 head di - vine, As pen - i - tent - ly here I
 you did bear When hang - ing on the curs - ed
 curse re - move; We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful
 peace Or wash a - way the stain.
 name And rich - er blood than they.
 stand And lay on him my sin.
 tree— I know my guilt was there!
 voice And sing his bleed - ing love.

Join Us for the Lenten Meal

Served 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall