



Ash WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Ascension Lutheran Church Livestream Worship

February 17, 2021

Welcome! A few pointers to make this worship service meaningful:

- *Set the space. Clear a table of everything except the screen, a Bible, and the candle.*
- *Join us as for communion this morning. Have your bread and wine or grape juice ready.*
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Prelude **“Come, Ye Disconsolate” arr. J. Bert Carlson**

Organ solo

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God,

you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Psalm 90

LORD, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

**or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
**in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
**You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
**The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

**So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.**

Turn, O LORD! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!
**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.

**Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!

+Gospel:

Luke 9:51-62

The holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Holt

Hymn of the Day

Our Father, We Have Wandered (606)



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Invitation to the Lenten Discipline

The Confession

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn and angry deeds that harm:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

For boundless love of self, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

For inequity in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

The Imposition of Ashes

As you mark the sign of the cross on your own or one another's forehead, say

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,

bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

+The Prayers

Returning to the Lord with all our heart, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing.

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

*Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Final petition:

Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

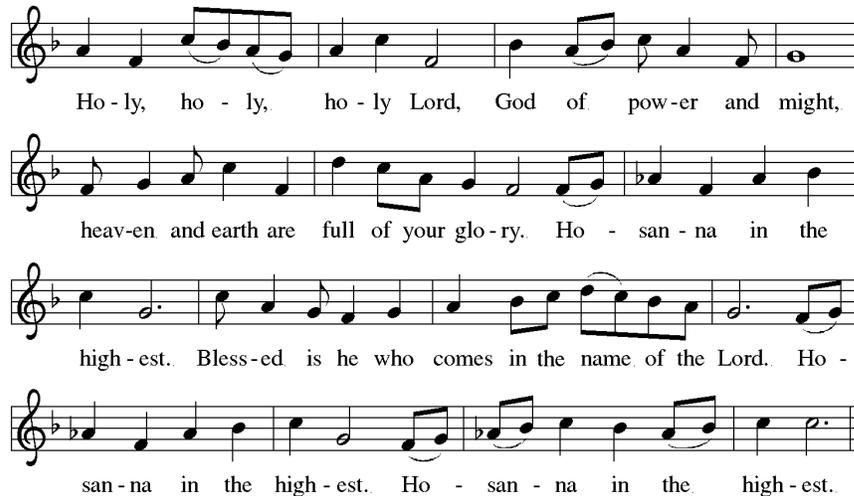
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface

It is indeed right and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

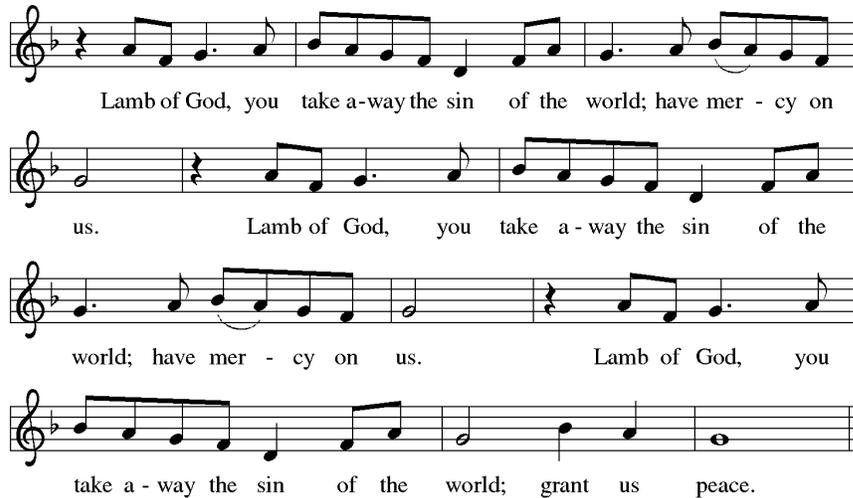
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

We encourage you to have your bread and wine/grape juice ready. When the pastor says "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you", eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you. If you are worshipping with others, one may give the bread and wine to the rest offering those same words. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

Lamb of God



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

+Post-Communion Blessing Amen.

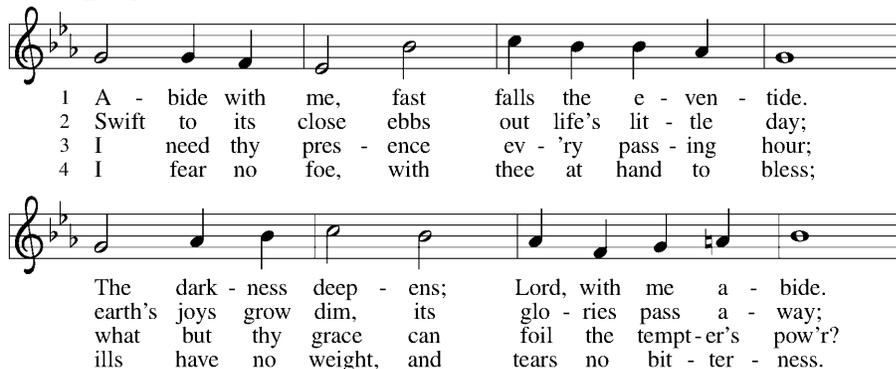
The Post-Communion Prayer

O God, in this holy meal

you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Abide with Me (629)



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, thy vic - to - ry?



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!

The Benediction
Amen.

Sending

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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