



Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

6:30 p.m.



Invocation

Call to Repentance:

(All) 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.

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

**Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not 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. (Psalm 51)**

Prayer:

L: God of Creation,

C: Lead us as we enter this time of Lent. Give us courage to scrutinize our hearts with honesty; give us strength to deal with what we find; Give us love to forgive ourselves and each other; remind us that beyond the night a dawn breaks; So that, in peace and joy, we may celebrate at Easter the death and resurrection of Jesus and all that it means for each of us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: AMEN.

Hymn

Abide with Me

ELW#629 (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9

¹Shout 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. ²Yet 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 judgments, 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.

⁴Look, 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. ⁵Is 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? ⁶Is 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? ⁷Is 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? ⁸Then 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 rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Evening Devotion

Lenten Offering - Hymn

Give Me Jesus

ELW #770 (vs. 1-3)

1 In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

3 Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
just about the break of day, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

(The Lenten offering will flow through the General Fund where we have, for instance, made commitments to the Feeding Ministries of the church – Brandon Food Pantry, ELCA World Hunger, and Feeding South Dakota. Our gifting commitments will help these ministries feed many throughout this year.)

Holy Communion

+Words of Institution

+Lord's Prayer

+Distribution Hymn

Beautiful Savior

ELW #838 (see below)

+Imposition of Ashes

+Blessing

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Benediction: Luther's Evening Prayer

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us.

Amen