



Ash Wednesday

## WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Liturgy: Common Service

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Organist: Ann Sprengeler

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### PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

#### Psalm 51:1-13

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight-- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Make me hear joy and gladness, *That* the bones You have broken may rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### #140 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

by Sigismund v. Birken

I. Jesus, I will ponder now On Thy holy Passion;With Thy Spirit me endow For such meditation.Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherishOf Thy suffering, pain, and death, That I may not perish.

 Make me see Thy great distress, Anguish, and affliction, Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Thy crucifixion; Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails, did wound Thee, How for man Thou diedst, O God, Who with thorns had crowned Thee.

## INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- all Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.







- p The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
- Let us pray ... Almighty and merciful Father, you freely forgive those who, as David of old, acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives

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and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

**Joel 2:12-19** <sup>12</sup> "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." <sup>13</sup> So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He *is* gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. <sup>14</sup> Who knows *if* He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him-- A grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God? <sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; <sup>16</sup> Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. <sup>17</sup> Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples,'Where *is* their God?'"<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, And pity His people.<sup>19</sup> The LORD will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, And you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.

### THE PASSION READING

Luke 22:1-5,21-23 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. <sup>2</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. <sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. <sup>4</sup> So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. <sup>5</sup> And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup> So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.

[After supper while the disciples were gathered, Jesus said to them]

<sup>21</sup> "But behold, the hand of My betrayer *is* with Me on the table. <sup>22</sup> "And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" <sup>23</sup> Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### #155 "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"

by Walter Shirley, 1725-1786 1. Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, Which before the cross we spend,

Life and health and peace possessing From the sinner's dying Friend.

2. Here we rest in wonder, viewingAll our sins on Jesus laid;Here we see redemption flowingFrom the sacrifice He made.

Here we find the dawn of heaven
 While upon the cross we gaze,
 See our trespasses forgiven,
 And our songs of triumph raise.

4. Oh, that, near the cross abiding,We may to the Savior cleave,Naught with Him our hearts dividing,All for Him content to leave!

### SERMON

Matthew 26:37-46 <sup>37</sup> And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. <sup>38</sup> Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." <sup>39</sup> He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will.*" <sup>40</sup> Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? <sup>41</sup> "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." <sup>43</sup> And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup> Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> "Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

# COULD YOU NOT WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR?



### OFFERING HYMN #143:14

14. But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it; Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it; Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness Nor shame my weakness.

#### Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

all 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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



p 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 on the tree of the cross did give salvation to all mankind that, where death arose, there also Life might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise 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;



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

p 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!





## THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.





### THANKSGIVING

- p O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- We give thanks, almighty God, that you have re freshed us with this holy supper. 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 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#### #552 "Abide with Me!"

by Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847 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!

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;Change and decay in all around I see.O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!

3. Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,Familiar, condescending, patient, free.Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.

4. Come not in terror, as the King of kings,But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea.Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.