



ALL SAINTS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA | AUSTIN

ASH WEDNESDAY

PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP:

10:30AM | ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL
2500 WIMBERLY LANE, AUSTIN, TX 78735

5:00PM | PARK HILLS CHURCH
900 S. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, AUSTIN, TX 78746

ALL SAINTS IS A COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE
CALLED TO LIVE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST
IN AUSTIN FOR THE WORLD
THROUGH WORSHIP,
SPIRITUAL FORMATION
AND SERVICE.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Ash Wednesday, an echo of the Hebrew Testament’s ancient call to sackcloth and ashes, is a continuing cry across the centuries that life is transient, that change is urgent. We don’t have enough time to waste on nothingness. We need to repent our dillydallying on the road to God. We need to regret the time we’ve spent playing with dangerous distractions and empty diversions along the way. We need to repent of our senseless excesses and our excursions into sin, our breaches of justice, our failures of honesty, our estrangement from God, our savorings of excess, our absorbing self-gratifications... We need to get back in touch with our souls. ‘Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you shall return,’ the old Sacramentary formula warns us from God’s words to Adam and Eve, as the ashes trickle down our foreheads. We hear now, as Jesus proclaimed in Galilee, ‘Turn away from sin and believe the good news’ (Mark 1:15).”

-Joan Chittister, *The Liturgical Year*

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

6:00PM



CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

People: *who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.*

Minister: The LORD is merciful and gracious,
People: *slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Minister: As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

People: *For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are but dust.*

Minister: As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
When the wind has passed over it, it is no more,
and its place acknowledges it no longer.

People: *But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments..*

Minister: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,
and His sovereignty rules over all. And we are gathered in His name,
God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

Minister: Let us pray: Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made and you
forgive the sins of all who are penitent.

People: *Create in us new and contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins, and
acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full
pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

(from Psalm 103 and *The Book Of Common Worship*)

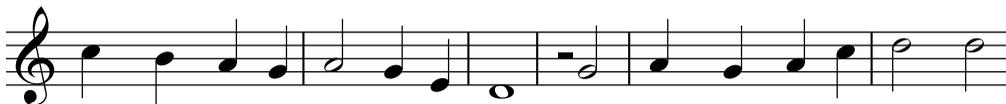


HYMN OF PRAISE

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS



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



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



caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
 is the great I AM. While mill-ions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy-ful be. And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.
 soul, for my soul. Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing. While mill-ions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on. And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

(Words: American Folk Hymn, Music: Arranged by David Lutes, CCLI License #2476739)



OLD TESTAMENT READING

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-13

Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, 2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations.

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 13 and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 3 We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; 7 by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8 through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

2 “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you...

16 “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to you, Lord Christ.*

MEDITATION

REV. TIM FRICKENSCHMIDT



INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister: Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Minister: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray saying,

People: *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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*



IMPOSITION OF ASHES

HYMN

PSALM 130

SOLO:

Out of the depths, I cry to you. O Lord, please hear my call.
O Lord, be merciful to me; at your throne of grace I fall;
At you throne of grace I fall.

Out of the woeful depths, I cry, from the depths of sin -
Of evil done in days gone by, and of evil now within;
And of evil now within.

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could then draw near?
But here I find forgiveness with you that you may be feared;
That you may be feared.

(SCRIPTURE READING: I PETER 5:6-11)

ALL:

Lord, from the depths, I wait for you. My hope is in your Word.
All through the night till day is night, my soul waits upon the Lord;
My soul waits upon the Lord.

Lord, here I find your mercy now, as ever was with you.
Before your throne of grace, I bow; Lord, be merciful to me;
Lord, be merciful to me.

O Israel, cast your hope upon the Lord, and in His Word do trust.
He will redeem you from your sin and raise you from the dust;
And raise you from the dust.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Most Holy and Merciful Father:
 We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Minister: We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People: *Have mercy on us, O Lord.*

Minister: We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: *Have mercy on us, O Lord.*

Minister: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

People: *We confess to you, O Lord.*

Minister: Our anger at our own circumstances, and our envy of those more at ease than ourselves.

People: *We confess to you, O Lord.*

Minister: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our unfaithfulness in daily life and work.

People: *We confess to you, O Lord.*

Minister: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to give an account for the hope that is in us.

People: *We confess to you, O Lord.*

Minister: Accept our repentance, O Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

People: *Accept our repentance, O Lord.*



Minister: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

People: *Accept our repentance, O Lord.*

(Based on the Ash Wednesday Litany of Penitence from the Book of Common Prayer)

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE ELEISON



LEADER: Lord Je-sus Christ, son of God, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.



ALL: Lord Je-sus Christ, son of God, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.



LEADER: Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Lord Je-sus Christ, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.



ALL: Have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner. Have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*



CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

SOLO:

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

(REPEAT: ALL)

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord.
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
(Repeat)

(From Psalm 51; Words and Music by Keith Green; Arranged by David Lutes, 2014)

HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,



People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 Hea - ven and earth are full, full of your
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

(Music: Franz Peter Schubert; Adapted: David Lutes, 2012)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: *His mercy endures forever.*

Celebrant: For in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Let us pray:

People: *We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*



Celebrant: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him by faith, with thanksgiving.

WE COME TO HIS TABLE

ALL SAINTS WELCOMES ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) OF JESUS CHRIST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARIST MEAL. THIS INCLUDES ALL CHRISTIANS, WHETHER MEMBERS AT ALL SAINTS OR ANOTHER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED AND INTERVIEWED BY THE ELDERS OF THIS CHURCH OR THE RULING BODY OF ANOTHER CHURCH ARE ALSO WELCOME TO THE TABLE.

THE USHERS WILL GUIDE YOU TO THE TABLE. THE INNER CIRCLE OF EACH COMMUNION TRAY CONTAINS GRAPE JUICE.

IF YOU'RE STILL INVESTIGATING CHRISTIANITY, NOT SURE WHAT YOU BELIEVE, OR SIMPLY CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARIST, YOU MAY EITHER REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT OR COME FORWARD, CROSS YOUR ARMS OVER YOUR CHEST, AND RECEIVE A BLESSING.

GIVING OF ALMS

WHILE THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO GOD'S KINGDOM, THE CHURCH IS THE PRIMARY MEANS BY WHICH THAT KINGDOM IS ESTABLISHED ON EARTH. THUS, GOD CALLS US FIRST AND FOREMOST TO BE FAITHFUL IN THE REGULAR, ONGOING SUPPORT OF ONE'S LOCAL CHURCH BODY THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS. IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE TITHING A PRACTICE, PLEASE CONSIDER ADOPTING TITHING OR GENEROUS GIVING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—THAT YOU MIGHT GROW IN FAITH AND THAT TOGETHER WE MIGHT INCREASE ALL SAINTS' CAPACITY TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST IN AUSTIN TO THE WORLD.



HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

LEAD ME TO THE ROCK



1. Con-vinced as a sin - ner, to Je - sus I come,
 2. Bless - ed be Je - sus, for an - swer - ing prayer,
 3. When sore - ly af - flict - ed, and read - y to faint,



in - formed by the gos - pel, for such there is room;
and rais - ing my soul from the pit of des - pair;
 be - fore my Re - deem - er, I'll spread my com - plaint;



o'er - whelmed with sor - row, for sin will I cry;
in ev' - ry new tri - al, to Him will I cry,
 'midst storms and dis - tress - es, my soul shall re - ly



Lead me to the Rock that is high - er than I.
Lead me to the Rock that is high - er than I.
 On Je - sus, the Rock that is high - er than I.

(words: S. Turner or Bennett, 1838, music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells, and Brian T. Murphy, 2006, Arranged by David Lutes, 2008)



HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all
2. *Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my guilt u - pon His*
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'rs, no



mea - sure, that He would give His on - ly Son to
 shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
 wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His



make a wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss,
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him there
 death and re - sur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward?



the Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as wounds which mar the
 un - til it was ac - comp - lished; His dy - ing breath has
 I can - not give an an - swer; but this I know with



Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
 brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
 all my heart, His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
 sor - row and love flow min - gled down;
that were a pres - ent far too small;



my rich - est gain I count but loss
all the vain things that charm me most
 did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
love so a - ma - zing, so di - vine



and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

(Words: Isaac Watts; Music: American Folk Tune; Arrangement: David Lutes, 2007; CCLI license #2476739)

BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you, and remain with you always. Amen.

