

The First Step of Lent

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GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “O God, Thou Faithful God” J. Brahms

Introduction

Call to Worship From Isaiah 44:21-23

L: God said, “Remember these things, my people, for you are my servant.

P: I have made you my servant; I will not forget you.

L: I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.

P: Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

L: Sing for joy, O heavens, for the Lord has done this;

P: Burst into song, you mountains, for the Lord has redeemed his people.

Hymn of Praise: “Lord, Who Throughout” #200 insert

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

insert

Affirmation of Faith- 1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

SHARING THE WORD

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 51:1-17

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (using ‘debts’)

Hymn of Preparation: “Change My Heart, O God” insert

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Meditation: “Road to Repentance”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Imposition of Ashes

Offering

Offertory: “Lord God Have Mercy” J. S. Bach

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” insert

Benediction

Postlude: “Postlude in E minor” J. S. Bach

**Please remain seated*

The ashes on the forehead are a sign of our humanity and mortality. Lent is not a matter of being good, and wearing ashes is not showing off one’s faith. This practice, unfamiliar to most of us, is intended to symbolize our intent to turn from our sins to the Lord Jesus. The imposition of ashes this evening is optional. We welcome you to participate as you feel led.

Hymn of Praise: “Lord, Who Throughout”

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend,
and did the victory win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
in you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and did thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and so to live
by your most holy Word.

And thro’ these days of penitence,
and thro’ your Passiontide,
forevermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, that through this life
of doubts and hope and pain,
an Easter of unending joy
we may at last attain!

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Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning,
it is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen!

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Hymn of Preparation: “Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.
You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

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Closing Hymn: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
there for all was grace made free,
none deserving, yet receiving
life thro’ death at Calvary.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that thro’ all time abide.

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