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Ash Wednesday March 2nd, 2022

Prelude

Kris Claeys

Welcome and Announcements

Song: "Sanctuary" (Sing twice)

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y,
 pure and ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

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Invocation and Confession of Sin (Adapted from Psalm 51)

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash me through and through from my wickedness,

People: and cleanse me from my sin.

Pastor: For I know my transgressions,

People: and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: Against you alone have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

People: So you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

Pastor: Indeed, I was born guilty,

People: a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Pastor: You desire truth in my inmost being;

People: therefore teach me your wisdom

Pastor: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be clean;

People: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from your presence,

People: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

People: and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Pastor: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

People: and sinners will return to you.

Pastor: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,

People: and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare your praise.

Pastor: For the sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit,

People: a broken and contrite heart, God will not despise.

(Time of Silent Confession)

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray: Eternal God, in life, in death and in life beyond death you alone are God. With but a word, you called us into being from the very dust of the earth, and it is into that dust that we shall return upon death. We ask only that in the gift of these ashes, your eternal Spirit might rest upon us in our infinite humanity, and remind us of our continual need for your saving grace, that in repentance we might find forgiveness, in living, faith, and in life, your everlasting peace. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. **AMEN**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

The Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

Servants: "Repentant Sinner, Child of God, you've been sealed with the cross of Christ forever."

People: "Amen"

Post Communion Litany

Pastor: People of God, having been marked with the ashes we are reminded of our sinfulness.

People: Lord, forgive and restore us!

Pastor: Having partaken of His body and blood, we are assured of the forgiveness of our sins.

People: Lord, give us faith to see the cross as the means to our salvation.

Pastor: Having been united with Him with Him in a death like His, may we be united with Him in resurrection like His!

People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus, come!

First Reading Joel 2:12-19

¹²"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God,

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for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" ¹⁸Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. ¹⁹The Lord answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10

^{20b}We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

²For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Hymn: "Above All"

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A D/A A D E sus A

A - bove all _____ pow - ers, a - bove all _____ kings, a - bove all _____

D E A F#m C#m/E

na - ture and all cre - at - ed things; a - bove all wis - dom and all the ways of

D A/C# Bm Bm/A E/G# A A/C#

man, You were here be - fore the world be - gan. A - bove all

D E^{sus} A A/C# D E

king - doms, a - bove all thrones, a - bove all won - ders the world has ev - er known;

A F#m C#m/E D A/C# Bm D/A

a - bove all wealth and treas - ures of the earth, there's no way to meas - ure what You're



C#7sus/G# C#m A Bm7 E/G# A Bm7

worth. Cru - ci - fied, laid be - hind a stone, You lived to die re -

E/G# A E/G# F#m C#m/E D A/C#

- ject - ed and a - lone. Like a rose tram - pled on the ground, You took the fall.

To Coda

Bm7 A/C# D E

and thought of me a - bove all, A - bove all

1. A D E^{sus} E A D/A A

2. D.S. al Coda A Bm7 E/G# A E/G# F#m C#m/E D A/C#

all. all. Like a rose tram - pled on the ground, You took the fall.

Bm7 A/C# D E A rit. D E^{sus} E A^(add2)

and thought of me a - bove all.

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

1 Jesus said, "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.

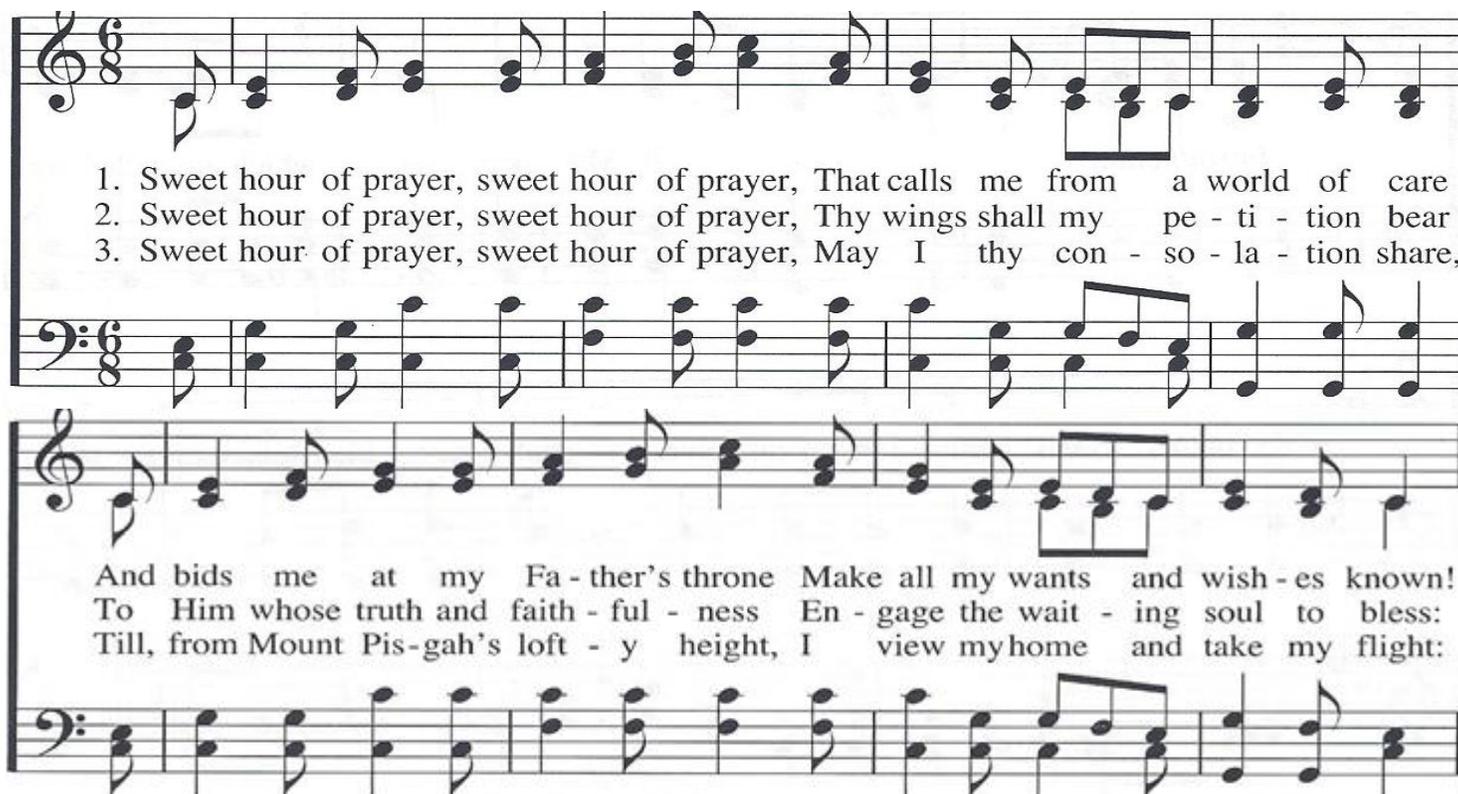
16 "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by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

Message: Reflection, Repentance and Rejoicing

Pastor Tom Sahl

Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Verses 1 and 2



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so - la - tion share,

And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known!
To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless:
Till, from Mount Pis-gah's loft - y height, I view my home and take my flight:

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief,
 And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His Word and trust His grace,
 This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize;

And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
 I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
 And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare-well, fare-well, sweet hour of prayer!"

Text & Tune: William Batchelder Bradbury & William W. Walford. PUBLIC DOMAIN

***Prayers of the Church and Benediction**

***Closing Hymn: "O Lord Throughout These Forty Days"**

1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days You prayed and kept the fast;
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; Your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed And fixed your mind a - bove;
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And all our earth - ly days,

In - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, And free us from our past.
 Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 So teach us to de - ny our - selves That we may know God's love.
 That when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

Text: Claudia F. Hernaman & Gilbert E. Doan Tune: Psalter, Edinburgh. PUBLIC DOMAIN

***Call To Service** Pastor: "Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!"
People: "Thanks be to God!"

Postlude

*Thank you to Mary & Mike Fuchs
for preparing and serving the meal tonight!*



Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent, a season in the church year when we intentionally focus on the passion of the Christ. Lent spans the days from Ash Wednesday, through Holy Week. As part of today's worship, all will be invited forward to receive the imposition of ashes. The ashes remind us

of our sinfulness and need for repentance, as well as the new life that is ours in the merits of Jesus Christ alone. As we receive the ashes we will once again hear the Gospel proclamation: "Repentant sinner, child of God, you have been sealed with the cross of Christ forever".

