

March 2, 2022 | 12:00 & 7:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY



On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

This type of note offers directions about the service. The people's responses are in bold. Page and hymn numbers refer to the red hymnals. Page numbers are at the bottom of pages, hymn numbers at the top. Please join us in singing.

The people gather in silence.

The people stand.

Greeting

Word

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

The people are seated.

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near -2a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. ¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. 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; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?""

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Remaining seated, the people read the Psalm responsively, beginning with the lector.

Psalm 51:1-18

¹Have mercy on me O God, according to your lovingkindness; in your great compassion, blot out my offenses. ²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. ⁵And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment. ⁶Indeed I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb. ⁷For behold you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly. ⁸Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure; wash me and I shall be clean indeed. ⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. ¹⁰Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹¹Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹²Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. ¹⁴I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you. ¹⁵Deliver me from death O God,

and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,

O God of my salvation.

¹⁶Open my lips O Lord,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,

but you take no delight in burnt offerings.

¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;

a broken and contrite heart O God, you will not despise.

Second Reading

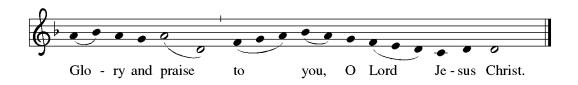
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

^{20b}We entreat 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. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, 7truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Gospel Acclamation (spoken by all at noon)p. 160Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.



Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever 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.

¹⁶And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The people are seated.

Sermon

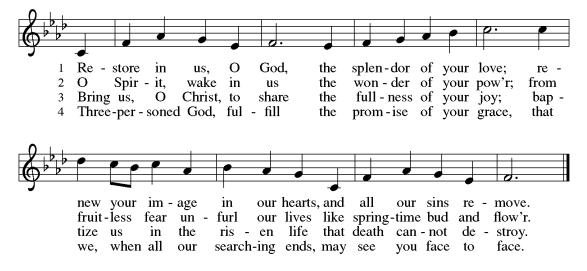
Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the Hymn of the Day.

The people stand to sing.

Hymn of the Day

Restore in Us, O God

Hymn 328 BAYLOR



Invitation to Lent

The people may kneel or sit.

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears 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.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us**, **O God**.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

Imposition of Ashes

The people may come forward to receive the ashes. The people may then kneel in the pews for prayer.

Music during Imposition of Ashes (7:00 pm only)

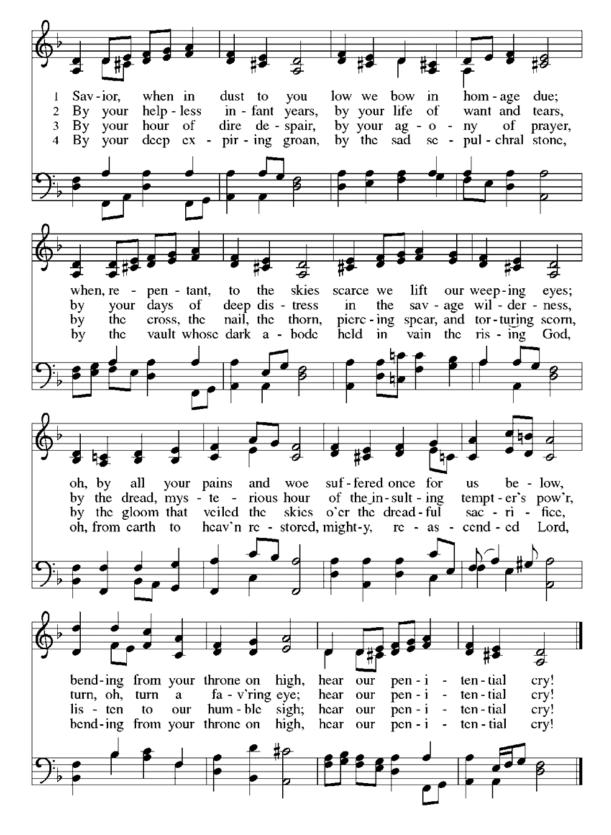
Lord, for thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Hymns during Imposition of Ashes

Hymn 601 ABERYSTWYTH

Savior, When in Dust to You



Our Father, We Have Wandered

Hymn 606 HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN



The people stand.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, **that we may show forth your glory in the world**.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Meal God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Give in person, online at <u>saintmartins.org/giving</u>, or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

Musical Offering

A Hymn to God the Father (noon)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord (7:00 pm)

Pelham Humfrey

Richard Farrant

The people stand to sing.

Offering Hymn

Service Music 188

Create in Me a Clean Heart O God

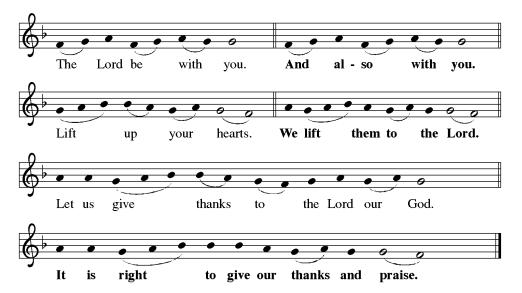




Offering Prayer

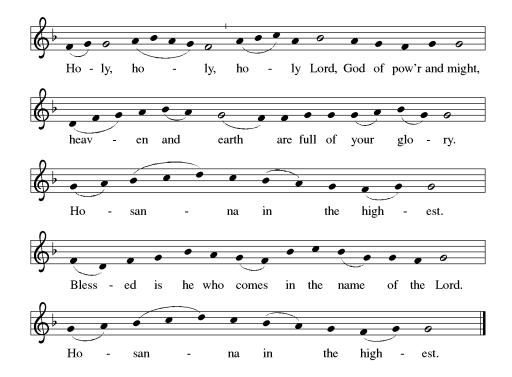
Let us pray. Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.



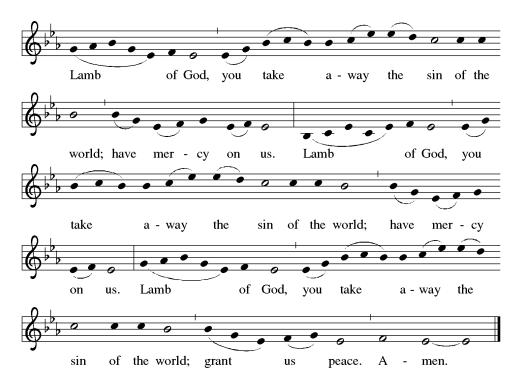
Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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. p. 163

Agnus Dei (spoken by all at noon)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen.



Holy Communion *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward to receive communion. Acolytes will offer hand sanitizer as you pass. You will receive the bread in your hands and the wine by dipping the bread in the bowl. Please consume while walking back to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available if requested. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to bring one to you.*

Communion Hymns

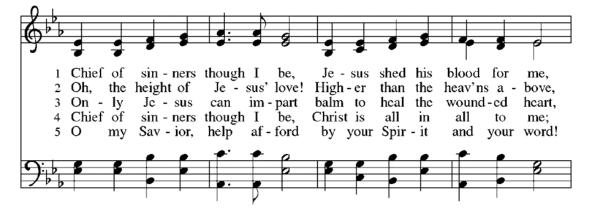
Hymn 592 WOODWORTH

Just As I Am, Without One Plea



Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Hymn 609 Gethsemane



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The people stand.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Sending Hymn

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Hymn 319 CONSOLATION



Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. Thanks be to God.

The people depart in silence.

Serving Today

Preaching/presiding: Rev. Ellen Williams	Musicians: St. Martin's Choir; Jenny Ohrstrom, soprano; Katherine Altobello- O'Brien, alto: James on James, tener: Cil				
Assisting Minister: Tom Blomquist					
Lector: Tom Blomquist	O'Brien, alto; Jameson James, tenor; Gil Zilkha, bass				
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sound: Jim Parkhurst				
Director of Music: Tim O'Brien	Video: Eddie Jennings				
Organist: Austin Haller	Ushers: Norm Hummell, chair				

Prayers

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Alex; Eric Bittner; Phil Chavez; Tommy Dubuque; Ellen; Penelope Felger; Lorraine, Seve, Jackie, and Joe; Phil McNeeley; family and friends of Beth Orton; Sofia Orton; David Pierce; Margaret Puskos; Rothstein family; Satka family; family and friends of Jo Ann Slack; Teresa's family; family of Judy Walhovd; Daniel Wiederhold.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; Bob Aus; Emily Berggren; Travis Bohmann; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; Jeff Puskos; Betty Staehr; Christie Tietjen.

Blessed Are You | Lent 2022 at St. Martin's

Lenten Vespers will begin on Wednesday evening the following week at 7:00 pm in the Worship Park. Join us for worship as we hear community members reflect on Jesus's powerful Beatitudes and enjoy the beautiful music of the Holden Evening Prayer. Lenten Meals provided by our community will be offered before the service in the Worship Park at 6:30 pm.