

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ash Wednesday

February 10, 2016

7:00 PM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O God, Have Mercy

Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God is our refuge and strength,
a present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though the waters roar and foam,
God's love endures forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

ONE: Gracious God, out of your love and mercy
you breathed into dust the breath of life,
creating us to serve you and neighbors.
Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness,
and strengthen us to face our mortality,
that we may reach with confidence for your mercy;
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN, No. 418

Softly and Tenderly

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6
pew Bible, p. 5

SERMON

“And when you...”

Rev. Drew Mann

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

ONE: Friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God. Let us bow before God, our Creator and Redeemer, and confess our sin.

PSALM OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51

ONE: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

MANY: Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

ONE: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

MANY: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

ONE: And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

MANY: Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

ONE: For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

MANY: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

ONE: Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

MANY: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

ONE: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

MANY: Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

ONE: Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

MANY: I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

ONE: Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

MANY: Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

ONE: Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

MANY: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

HYMN, No. 442

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

ONE: Let us pray.

Holy and merciful God, 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. 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.

MANY: Have mercy on us, O God.

ONE: We have not listened 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.

MANY: Have mercy on us, O God.

ONE: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:

The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

MANY: We confess to you, O God.

ONE: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways
and our exploitation of other people,

MANY: We confess to you, O God.

ONE: Our anger at our own frustration

and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

MANY: We confess to you, O God.

ONE: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

MANY: we confess to you, O God.

ONE: Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

MANY: we confess to you, O God.

ONE: Accept our repentance, O God,
for the wrongs we have done.
For our neglect of human need and suffering
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

MANY: Accept our repentance, O God.

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

MANY: Accept our repentance, O God.

ONE: For our waste and pollution of your creation
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

MANY: Accept our repentance, O God.

ONE: Restore us, O God,
and let your anger depart from us.

**MANY: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.
Forgive us, O God, and restore us by your grace. Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PRAYER

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASHES

Those wishing to receive ashes, come forward at this time.

RESPONSE

ONE: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

MANY: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

ONE: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

MANY: bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

ALL: Amen

HYMN, No. 434

Restore in Us, O God

BAYLOR

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the God of peace
make you holy in every way
and keep your whole being—
spirit, soul, and body—
free from every fault
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ONE: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

ALL: Amen!

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