

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP (†*The congregation standing*)

Minister: To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us (Daniel 9:9-10). If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

People: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Amen!

†PSALM OF DEDICATION (p. 31) *Psalm 22: Be Not Far Off, for Grief Is Near*

† *Minister:* Grace and peace from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

People: And Also with you!

Minister: Let us pray using the Collect for Ash Wednesday.

People: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

†PSALM OF CONFESSION (p. 415) *Psalm 51: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

THE FIRST LESSON Joel 2:2, 12-17
... the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
... the Word of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

HYMN (*Insert*) *Lenten Prayer*

SERMON Dr. Gregg Strawbridge
The Secret Life of Disciples (Matt. 6:1-10)

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who wish to receive ashes are invited to come forward and kneel or stand at the communion rail. The minister applies ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:

Minister: Remember that dust you are, and to dust you shall return.

Response: "Amen." Or, "I am but dust and ashes" (Genesis 18:27).

(Hymns to be sung during Imposition of Ashes)

Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Me (p. 340) | Psalm 63: O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly (p. 92) | My Song Is Love Unknown (p. 266)

CONFESSION OF SIN (*The congregation is invited to kneel.*)

Unison: Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Minister: Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O Lord, save the State.

People: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

People: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save thy people.

People: And bless thine inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

People: For it is thou, Lord, only, that makes us dwell in safety.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;

People: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

People: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;

People: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;

People: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Minister: From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From all sedition, conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. Amen.

†DEDICATION AND COMMISSION

Minister: May all of us learn to live our whole lives under the sign of the cross, being true and faithful to the Lord who has purchased us by the price of his own blood and who ever lives to make intercession for us.

People: Gracious God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. You have given us the breath of life; our lives belong to You. May these ashes remind us of our mortality and Your call to repentance. May Your Holy Spirit give us the grace of a constant dependence upon You. By Your hands we live, and to Your hands we return when are days are completed.

Minister: . . . Go in peace to love and serve the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

†RECESSIONAL (p. 264) *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

POSTLUDE

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