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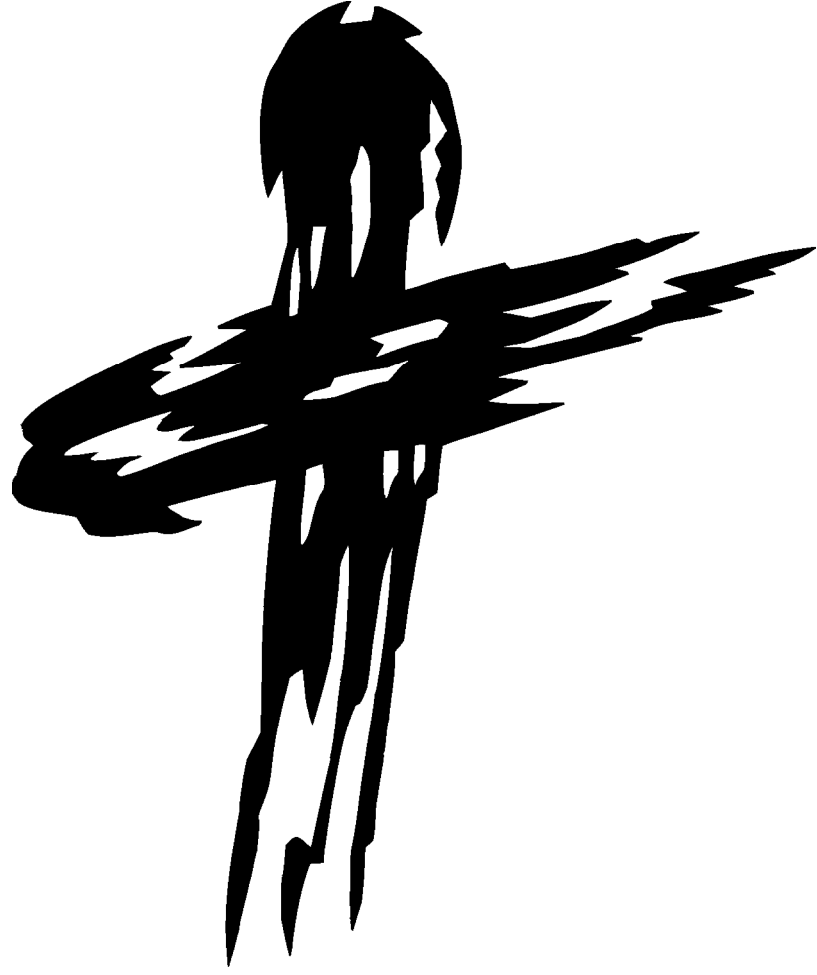
Lent 2010

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17 February 2010
†Ash Wednesday
11:15 am and 7:30 pm

Order of Worship

The ministers enter in silence. After they have taken their places, the Psalm is sung.

PSALM 51:1-12

The congregation sings the refrain as indicated below, at the direction of the cantor.

Have mer-cy on me, O

God, ac - cord-ing to your lov - ing kind-ness.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

Refrain

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Refrain

Hide your face from my sins and blot out my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Refrain

LENTEN EXHORTATION

Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with the Holy Trinity, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin, we grieve our God, who does not desire us to come under judgment, but to turn to God and live.

CONFESSION

Most 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 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, Lord.

We have been deaf 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, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness, the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

We confess to you, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

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

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done, for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.

The congregation is seated. 11:15 Service continues with the Imposition of Ashes on page 4.

CALLING OF THE BAPTIZED TO CONTINUING CONVERSION (7:30)

Members of The WAY and their sponsors gather around the baptismal font.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this Ash Wednesday the whole church enters a time of remembering our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. All who are in Christ are called to journey with Christ by keeping a holy Lent. During this season, as you prepare to affirm your baptism, you are called, with all the baptized, to continuing conversion, to die daily to sin, and to walk in newness of Life.

Sponsors: I present Name who is preparing for affirmation of baptism.

P: [Names] As you prepare to affirm the promises you made to God in baptism, you stand among us as examples of the calling we all have to walk in the ways of Christ. Therefore I ask of you, during this time of discipline and renewal: Will you continue to hear the word of God and receive it as a pattern for your lives?

R: I will, with God's help.

P: Will you continue to deepen your life of prayer for all God's people in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs?

R: I will, with God's help.

P: Will you continue to join with the church in worship and service, both in the community of faith and in the world, by walking in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us?

R: I will, with God's help.

P: Sponsors, and members of this congregation, will you continue to support and pray for these candidates as they continue their preparations for baptismal affirmation?

C: We will.

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you have called your people to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Bless [names] and all your holy people as we journey in faith this Lent. Guide us to true repentance and renewal, and to follow in the way of the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

As a sign of penitence and turning, worshipers may choose to receive the imposition of ashes. Approach by the center aisle; return by the side. The imposition takes place in silence.

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

After all who desire ashes have received them:

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 Lord,

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

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore God to grant us true repentance and the Holy Spirit, that those things may be pleasing which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silence for meditation

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray....Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow 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-- a 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. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend 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. Who 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? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather 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. Between 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?""

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For 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. For 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! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So 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. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And 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. But 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."

"And 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. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so 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. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY, #601

Savior, When in Dust to You

PRAYERS AND PEACE

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

...Gracious God

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

11:15 Beth Ann Bonnecroy *Jesus, the Very Thought of Lee*

Eric Thiman

7:30 Chancel Choir *How Deep Has Been My Sinning*

Orlando di Lasso

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you...

God of abundance, all that we have is yours. Receive these gifts and all who gather at your table, for the sake of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might also be restored, and that Satan, who by a tree once overcame the human race, might on Calvary by a tree be overcome.

Thanks be to God. Blessed is the one, who in this holy meal, comes in the name of the Lord.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

FRACTION AND INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION TO THE FAITHFUL

We welcome all who desire to receive the Lord's body and blood for the forgiveness of sin and renewal of life to join us for Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Red wine or white grape juice is available as each communicant chooses. Gluten-free wafers are available. Young children and others who do not commune are invited and welcome to come forward for a blessing.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and unto eternal life.

Amen.

Let us pray...

Lord God, in your mercy, give grace to us who have received this Most Blessed Sacrament that our Lenten penance may give you glory and bring us pardon and salvation. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ + + + Participants in Today's Liturgy

Presiding Pastor
Paul E. Hoffman

Chancel Choir (7:30 pm)
directed by **Beth Ann Bonnecroy**

Preaching Pastor
Beverly R. Piro

Eucharistic Ministers
Staff (11:15 a.m.)
Linda Quammen, Tsukao Kawahigashi (7:30 p.m.)

Assisting Minister (7:30)
Vicar Abigail Jimenez

Lectors
Staff (11:15 am)
Janet Deters, Janet Alcantara (7:30 pm)

Organ
Valerie Shields

Cantor (11:15 am)
Beth Ann Bonnecroy

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