

***Where your treasure is,
your heart will be also.***



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WELCOME TO PILGRIM'S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE! Tonight, with the use of ashes, we especially mourn and are reminded of our sin, which separates us from God and causes our earthly death, but we also receive God's forgiveness of sins and eternal life through His Word and Sacrament. We invite you to join us throughout the season of Lent and for every season of the Church Year!

AS YOU ARRIVE, please move down the pew towards the wall, in order to leave room for others. If you arrive late, please wait for an appropriate time to enter the sanctuary, such as during a hymn. Please also remember to turn off your cell phones and/or any other electronic devices. Thank you!

ORDER OF SERVICE: To your right you will find today's order of service. The right side of that outline indicates from where the item listed comes: either in this bulletin or the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, with the Psalms towards the front, its liturgical pages towards the middle, and its hymns towards the back. The Δ symbol before a hymn stanza indicates that it especially gives glory to the Triune God; we stand before singing the stanza and, in most cases, conclude the stanza by singing "Amen.", if an "Amen" is not already included.

HOLY COMMUNION: At Pilgrim we value your presence among us and love and care about our guests and visitors! However, due to the sad divisions that exist in the world and even in Christianity, we cannot commune everyone at the Lord's Table here. We respectfully ask that guests and visitors who desire to commune first speak with the pastor well before the service. All those present but not communing still may approach the rail for a blessing: come forward and kneel with those who are communing, but fold your arms over your heart and place your hands on the opposite shoulders. For more information about the ancient practice of Closed Communion, see <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/closed-communion>.

INDIVIDUAL CUPS: The top of the tray contains several individual cups of highly-diluted wine. If you receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please be sure to wait to consume it until Pastor comes by with the chalice, so that he knows you are receiving it in that fashion. If the supply of individual cups is depleted, please accept the blood of Christ from the chalice.

+++ *IN THE NAME OF JESUS* +++

Please be silent before the service.

PREPARATION

Stand

Invocation

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P In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm 51

Psalm 51 (antiphon: v.17)

(Pastor and people alternate by half-verses.

All speak the *Gloria Patri*.)

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*

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

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*

according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*

and cleanse me | from my sin!

³For I know my trans- | gressions,*

and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,*

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*

and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*

and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and | gladness;*
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all my in- | iquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,*
and sinners will re- | turn to you.

¹⁴Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;

¹⁹then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and
whole burnt offerings;

then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

Sit

Pastor's Exhortation

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Stand

Imposition of Ashes

P Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

(The congregation may be seated. A representative of the congregation imposes the ashes on the Pastor, and then all those who desire ashes may come forward to the baptismal font to receive the ashes from him, before returning to their seats. The words spoken are from Genesis 3:19. You may meditate on Psalm 90, while sitting silently in the pew during the imposition. Note well: Receiving ashes is neither commanded nor forbidden by God and so generally is a matter of Christian freedom and voluntary: those who do receive ashes should not look down on those who do not receive ashes, and those who do not receive ashes should not be suspect of those who do receive ashes.)

Stand or kneel

Confession

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P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve

Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

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P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Sit

Time for Silent Meditation

(Contemplate how to make your sanctification real
in your own individual life.)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Stand

The Collect of the Day

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P Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament

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; ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴ 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? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶ gather 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. ¹⁷ Between 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?’ ” ¹⁸ Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. ¹⁹ The 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.

Psalm 103:8-14

- P** The LORD is merciful and gracious,
- C** **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P** He will not always chide,
- C** **nor will He keep His anger forever.**
- P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,
- C** **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
- C** **so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**

- P** as far as the east is from the west,
C so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
P As a father shows compassion to his children,
C so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.
P For He knows our frame;
C He remembers that we are dust.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ¹ Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For 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. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse: Lent

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- P** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

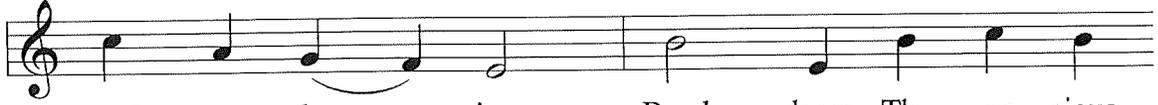
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

¹ “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.

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1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and
 2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out
 3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in
 4 And though it tar - ry through the night And till the
 5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -



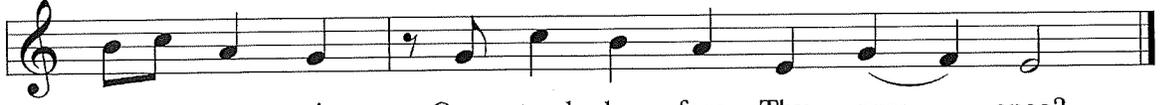
trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious
 my trans - gres - sion; The best and ho - liest
 mine own mer - it; It rests up - on His
 morn - ing wak - en, My heart shall nev - er
 bun - dant fa - vor; His hand of mer - cy



ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.
 deeds must fail To break sin's dread op - pres - sion.
 faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it
 doubt His might Nor count it - self for - sak - en.
 nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.



If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en
 Be - fore Thee none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear Thy
 That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com - fort
 O Is - rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir - it
 Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?
 strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.
 and the Word, Now wait for His ap - pear - ing.
 Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - row.

Sit

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel/Stand

L O Lord,

C have mer - cy.

L O Christ,

C have mer - cy.

L O Lord,

C have mer - cy.

L O Christ,

C hear us.

L God the Fa - ther in heaven,

C have mer - cy.

L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C have mer - cy.

L God the Holy Spir - it,

C have mer - cy.

L Be gra - cious to us.

C Spare us, good Lord.

L Be gra - cious to us.

C Help us, good Lord.



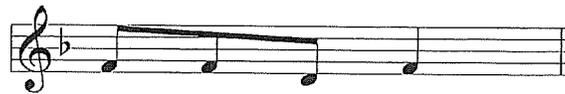
L From all sin, from all error, from all e - vil;
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and e - vil death;
 From pestilence and famine;
 from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from re - bel - lion;
 From lightning and tempest;
 from all calamity by fire and water; and from ever - last - ing death:



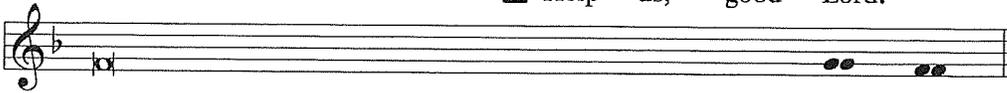
C Good Lord, de - liv - er us.



L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy na - tiv - i - ty;
 By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
 by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your
 cross and passion; by Your precious death and bur - i - al;
 By Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
 and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Com - fort - er:



C Help us, good Lord.



L In all time of our tribulation; in all time
 of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment:



C Help us, good Lord.



L We poor sinners im - plore You



C to hear us, O Lord.



L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church;
 to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your
 Church in the true knowledge and understanding
 of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy liv - ing;
 To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;
 to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are de - ceived;
 To beat down Satan under our feet;
 to send faithful laborers into Your harvest;
 and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spir - it:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those
 who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the dis - tressed:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



L To give to all peoples concord and peace;
 to preserve our land from discord and strife;
 to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
 To direct and defend our president/queen/king and all in
 authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our peo - ple;
 To watch over and help all who are in danger,
 necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who trav - el;
 To grant all women with child, and all mothers
 with infant children, increasing happiness in
 their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and pro-vide for them;
 To strengthen and keep all sick persons and
 young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:



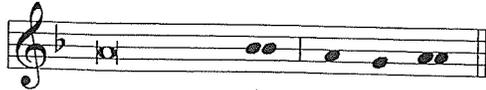
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers
and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our
use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



C we implore You to hear us.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C have mer - cy.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C have mer - cy.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C grant us Your peace.



L O Christ,



C hear us.

L O Lord,

C have mer - cy.

L O Christ,

C have mer - cy.

L O Lord,

C have mer - cy. A - men.

One or more Litany or other Collects may be prayed; each may be preceded by an appointed Versicle and Response sung as follows (the vertical line in the text indicating where the voice moves from the reciting tone to the notes provided).

P O Lord, do not deal with us according | to our sins.

C Do not reward us according to our in- | iquities.

Each Collect generally concludes either with "... one God now and forever." or with "... through Jesus Christ our Lord", after which the congregation sings "Amen" as follows.

C A - men.

Sit

Stand

Offering & Offertory

159-160

(Offerings placed in the Box in the Narthex before the Service are brought forward here.)

Stand
Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(Prayer of Remembrance)

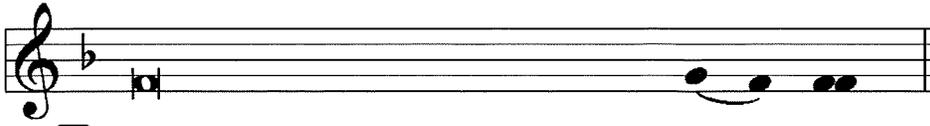
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

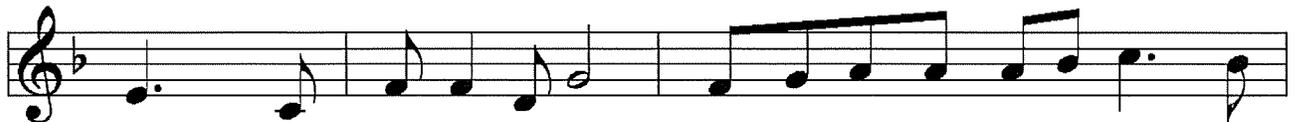
Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **†** in peace.

C Amen.

Distribution Hymns

419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
 2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
 want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

574 Before the Throne of God Above



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2 My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is
3 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me
4 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful



strong, a per - fect plea: A great High Priest, whose name is
writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He
of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look, and see Him
soul is count - ed free; For God, the just, is sat - is -



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
there Who made an end of all my sin.
fied To look on Him and par - don me.

- 5 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
- 6 At one with Him, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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854 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go



1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
 2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me
 3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my
 4 Give me to bear Thine eas - y yoke, And ev - 'ry
 5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy



la - bor to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy
 in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at
 mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -
 boun - teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with



solved to know In all I think or speak or do.
 pres - ence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.
 Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.
 ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.
 e - ven joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

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Post-Communion Canticle



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

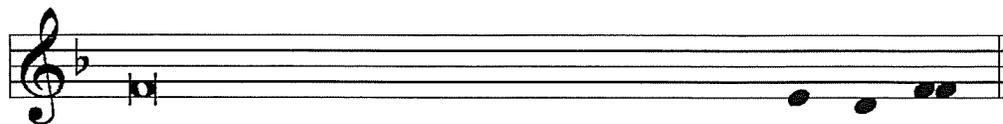
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
... one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction



P 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.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

+++ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY +++

THE ALTAR CRUCIFIX IS VEILED this year, Pilgrim's Board of Elders decided, beginning on Ash Wednesday. In the past, Pilgrim has veiled the crucifix at other times, such as beginning on Palm Sunday, as is suggested with our three-year lectionary. With the historic one-year lectionary, the Fifth Sunday in Lent, called "Judica", by the first Latin word of its Introit, and sometimes known as "Passion Sunday", marked the beginning of what was called "Passiontide" and was marked by the veiling of crosses in the Church in anticipation of Good Friday. Other congregations veil the cross for all of Lent. Regardless of when it is veiled, the cross is not forgotten, but, with the veil's somewhat transparent material, its outlines are still apparent, while only its finer artistic details are concealed. In that way and others, the veil can be a sign of austerity and restraint, symbolize the rejection of Jesus, intensify our focus on the cross by making us think about beyond what our eyes can see, and remind us that we are not worthy to look on the cross.

SERVING TODAY: The Rev. Dr. Jayson S. Galler, Pastor; Don Gibson, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

THANKS to Remo Gualtieri for turning old Palm Sunday palms into new Ash Wednesday ashes.

CATECHESIS: Tomorrow, February 19, Pastor Galler will continue both the youth class starting at 4:15 p.m. via Jitsi and the family class starting at 7:30 p.m. in-person in the Conference Room/Library.

“LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY”: Please plan to use the large Mite Box in the Narthex this Sunday, February 22, after the Divine Service, in order to contribute your loose change and more, beyond your regular offering, for LWML mites that in part fund District and National mission grants (lists of grant recipients are on the bulletin board above the Mite Box).

THIS SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Refreshments; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class (“Romans: The Righteousness of God”); and 10:45 a.m. Divine Service.

Readings: Gen 3:1-21; Ps 32:1-7; Ro 5:12-19; and Mt 4:1-11.

Hymns: LSB 814, 656, 572, 521, 714, and 424.

Prepare yourself for worship in advance by praying about, reading over, and meditating on the appointed Scripture Readings and Hymns.

“SOUP AND SERMON” AT ST. LUKE’S METHODIST CHURCH: Pastor Galler will be the presenter next Wednesday, February 25. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. (the church is at 401 E. Main, Kilgore). All are welcome to attend.

MIDWEEK LENT SOUP/SALAD SUPPERS: Again this year Pilgrim will be having 6:00 p.m. Soup/Salad Suppers before the five Midweek Lenten Vespers Services (February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, and 25). If you (and maybe a partner) are willing to provide and serve one of the meals, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or otherwise get with Inreach Coordinator Joy McHargue.

MIDWEEK LENTEN VESPERS: You are invited and welcome to join us each of the next five Wednesdays in Lent for a shorter Midweek Lenten Vespers Service at 7:00 p.m., including the praying of a penitential Psalm and the Great Litany, the reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, and a special sermon series titled, “St. Matthew’s account of Jesus’s Passion’s fulfilling prophecy”. The first week focuses on Psalm 41:9 and Matthew 26:23-24.

About Tonight's Service

The Ash Wednesday Liturgy marks the beginning of a penitential discipline that climaxes in the liturgy of the Triduum, the great "three days": Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (the last of which days Pilgrim does not yet observe with a service, such as the historic Easter Vigil). Tonight, the mood is one of penitence and reflection on the quality of our faith and life. Our goal is participation in the Lenten discipline, which, by its focus on the mystery of Christ's redeeming us, should strengthen us by bringing us anew the gift of our Baptism.

The Liturgy of this Divine Service is less joyous and more reflective and penitential in nature than other services. The solemn character of the service is reflected even in the austere dress of the chancel furnishings and the vestments of the pastor. In the service itself, there is less music and more silence than usual, which is appropriate and preferred on this penitential occasion. (For example, there is no pre-service or post-service music, and the Psalm is spoken.) The "Alleluia" is put away for all of Lent.

Although the corporate general confession before Divine Services at Pilgrim is not followed by public "absolution", Pastor Galler is available to hear private confession, general or particular, and to effect individual Holy Absolution: come during his scheduled study hours or contact him to set up another time. To be sure, the baptized faithful are already forgiven and live in a state of grace with constant forgiveness for their venial (non-mortal) sins, and forgiveness is also worked by the read and preached Gospel and by the Lord's Supper, for which we are worthy and well-prepared by having faith in Jesus's words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

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