



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021

12:00pm

WELCOME! Ash Wednesday begins the 40 day Season of Lent, preparing our lives for Easter. Today, we receive the *“Imposition of Ashes”* on our foreheads. Also, *“REVEALED”* Traveling Art Exhibit is also on display for the Season of Lent in Bankson Hall - features 23 works of various printmaking techniques. The art, along with the Scripture represented, will be our Lenten emphasis.

THE PRELUDE: *Meditation of “Martyrdom”* by Raymond Haan
Organist/Pianist

Fred Johnson,

THE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE LENTEN SEASON

Susan Warneke

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (Psalm 51)
words.)

(People read/sing **bold**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

(Silence for confession. The absolution will be proclaimed later in the service.)

THE HYMN: *What Wondrous Love is This*

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What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

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**What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-8

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

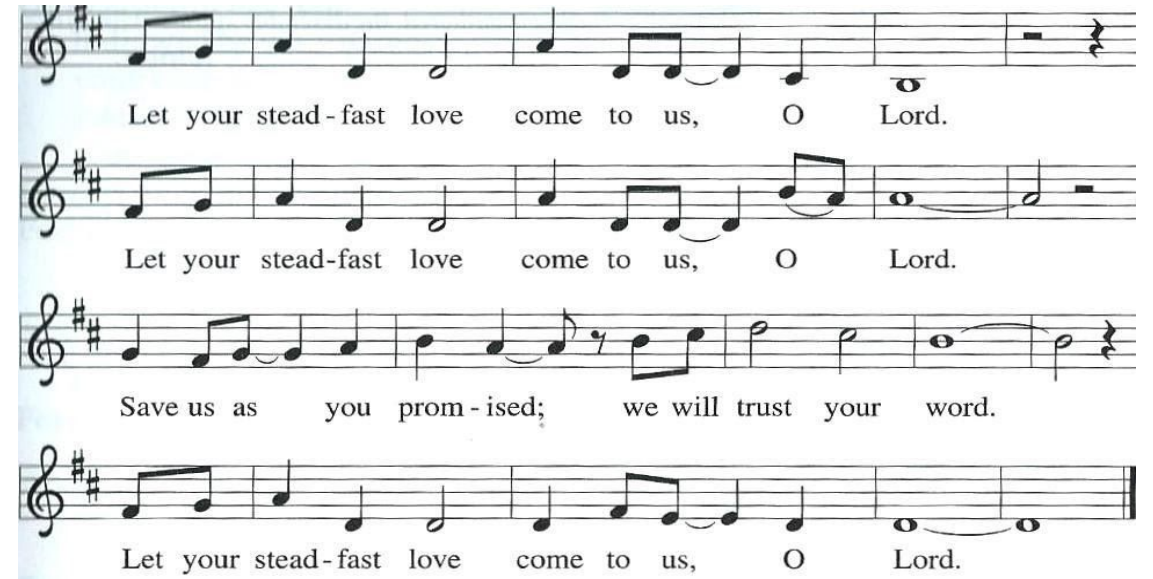
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

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.

(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 6:7-15

Jesus said, "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE HYMN: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Aberystwyth/Savior, When in Dust to You*
Fred Johnson, piano & Kathy Person, violin

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace and mercy,
We give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; May we live with generous hearts and open hands. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE 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.

THE BLESSING OF THE ASHES

THE IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

(We invite you to come forward for the imposition of ashes. Please wear your mask. Keep physical distance. The ushers will guide you down the center aisle and then return down the side aisle. We will sing the following hymn during this time.)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

**How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom**

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But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom**

THE ABSOLUTION

(The Pronouncement of Forgiveness)

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

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**Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Cal-v'ry's mountain.**

Refrain: **In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. (Refrain.)**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *What Wondrous Love Is This* by M. Limbaugh Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad you have joined us today! Please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift.

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Gloria Dei in honor of the Season of Lent.

THANK YOU to Michelle Lum for leading us in singing, to Music Director Kathy Person for playing the violin and Fred Johnson for playing the piano/organ, and to Susan Warneke for Assisting.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES is an ancient tradition of the Christian church. The ashes remind us of the brevity of life and the sign of the cross reminds us that there is hope of forgiveness. Today as we receive the ashes on our forehead, as we confess our sins, we give thanks for God's empowering forgiveness.

LENT 2021 - For the Season of Lent (Feb.-March), the "REVEALED" Traveling Art Exhibit will be on display for Season of Lent in Bankson Hall (beginning with Ash Wednesday, February

17). *Revealed* features 23 works of various printmaking techniques and covers the entire story of Redemption—from the Fall in Genesis through the New Creation promised in Revelation. The art, along with the Scripture represented, will be our Lenten emphasis. Every Wednesday, we will have worship at noon (livestreamed and in person in the courtyard). Thanks to the many members who are sharing their faith at these brief services.

LENTEN COIN BOXES are available today and during Lent. Collect coins for World Hunger. Bring them back on Palm Sunday or drop them at the office at any time.

LENT SOUP SUPPER, AT-HOME, RECIPES - We plan to highlight some simple soup recipes that church members could make at home, in-lieu of being able to meet in person. To share a soup recipe, please email it to fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS - Not feeling well or at risk (pre-existing conditions/elderly), please watch the livestream. Face masks required. Extra masks & hand sanitizers available at Welcome Table.

ANNUAL REPORT is ready for pick up at the Welcome Table or the office, however the annual meeting has been postponed until June 27, 2021.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI - We will be receiving new members at Gloria Dei on Sunday, February 28. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 949-493-3414.

THANKING GOD ON FRIDAY (TGOFF) - Join this brief prayer service each Friday at 8am. <https://www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint>. Micaela Lum will lead a song and Pastor David will lead prayers.

HEART LIFTERS - Women's Evening Bible Study begins Thursday, February 18, 2021, meeting every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. Social 6:30 PM; Study 7pm - 8pm. Book: "PRAYING WITH POWER" by Christa Kinde, is available on Amazon or contact Ann St. Martin, who has 3 copies. To be added to the Zoom link, please contact Ann St. Martin, Daneen Pysz or the office at 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

WHALE WATCHING - CONFIRMATION STUDENTS (and mentors) February 27, 12:30pm - 2:30pm. Paige has purchased the tickets. Adults \$56/Kids \$30. Masks required for this event. Questions? Contact Paige at youthdirector@mygloriadei.org.

FIRST COMMUNION classes for children (age 10 or younger at discretion of parent/pastor) is three Wednesdays - March 3, 10, 17 - 4:30pm. For more information, email: gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. First Communion will take place on Palm Sunday, March 28.

G.I.F.T. GROUP (Growing in Faith Together) Small group - resumes on March 1, 6:30pm in Knudson Hall. Study is open to all adults - for more information about this study, contact Dave & Susan Warneke or the office at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

"CALLING ALL CHEFS" - We are looking for Gloria Dei members interested in participating as a host chef for our monthly virtual cooking events. Contact Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

DEVOTIONAL - January-March Devotionals have arrived! Pick it up at the Welcome Table, the church office or contact the office to have it mailed to you. 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY continues Wednesdays, 10am. All women are welcome. A link will be sent out for the meeting. They are studying the Gospel of Mark.

NEW STUDY - *The Shack*, started last month (January 19th). It's not too late to join. (7:00 - 8:30 pm, every third Tuesday). This study will be held virtually. Contact the church office for more information and for the ZOOM link.(949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

OFFERING - Place check/money in boxes, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. For Text to Give, text \$ amount to 949-356-5326. First time, initial set up instructions texted back. Once set up, simply text donation. You can also give via credit card or debit card through our secure site - go to mygloriadei.org/donate.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP - Contact the office: gloriadei@mygloriadei.org or 949-493-3414 to sign-up.

UPCOMING: Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (March 28); Maundy Thursday - A reflection on artwork in the Sanctuary - "The Last Supper with the Twelve Tribes" (April 1); Good Friday Tenebrae Worship (April 2, noon and 7pm); Easter Sunday (April 4 - 6:30am outside, 8:30am, 10am).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

12pm: Lector: Gail Rightmire; Usher: Carol Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Dave Warneke

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 17-20, 2021 (All events online or outdoors)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Ash Wednesday "Drive By" Ashes (8am-9am); Ash Wednesday Worship (12pm); Bethel Bible (6:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); Heart Lifters Prayer Study (6:30pm)

Friday: Thanking God On Friday - TGOFF (8am)

Saturday: Serra's Pantry (8:30am)

CHURCH STAFF: Senior Pastor: David R. Mattson; Preschool Director: Shelli Parajeckas; Children & Family Director: Barb Collins; Congregational Life Director: Susie Boland; Youth Director: Paige Gulck; Music Director: Kathy Person; Organist: Fred Johnson; PM Music Leader: Micaela Lum; Administrative Assistant: Carol Weinhardt