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THE SEASON OF LENT 2022

Lenten Hymn Madness



ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

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, Lenten Hymn Madness begins. Have you turned in your bracket? Today's hymn, scripture, and message are based on the song: *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*.

THE PRELUDE: *Prelude on "Martyrdom"* by Raymond H. Haan Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

THE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE LENTEN SEASON

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (Psalm 51)

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

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. Amen.**

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

THE HYMN: *What Wondrous Love is This*

#666 vv. 1-2

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

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

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 HYMN: *What Wondrous Love is This*

#666 v. 3

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,

while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

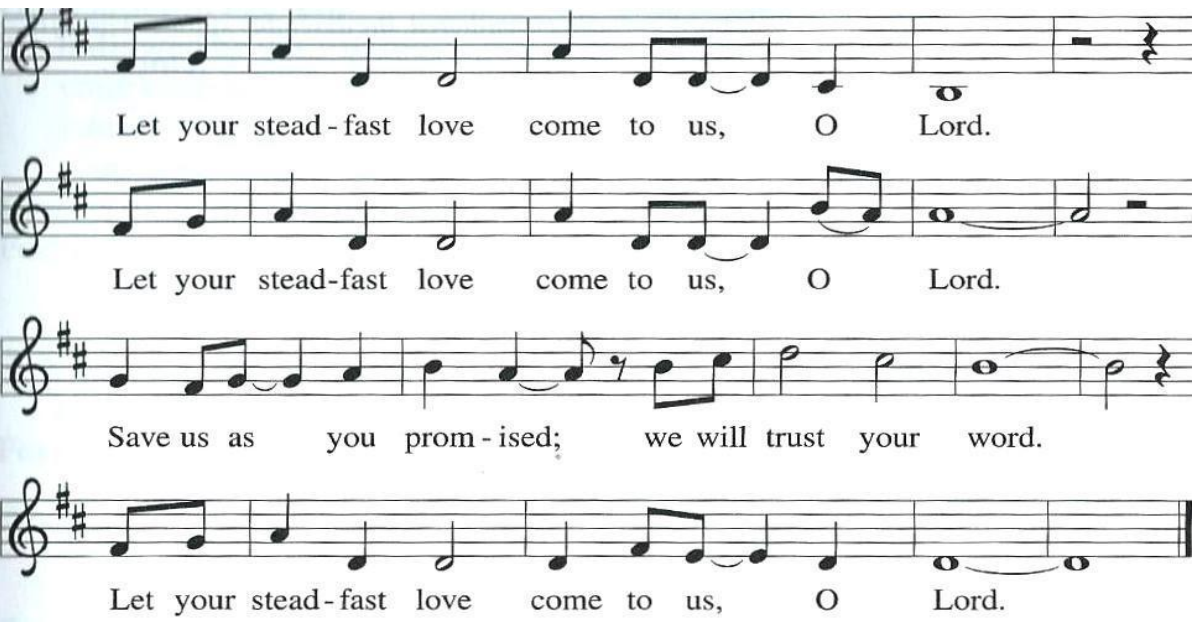
THE FIRST LESSON: Joel 2:12-18

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?'" Then the Lord became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE VIDEO PRESENTATION: *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* (J.S. Bach)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:16-21

Jesus said, "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 our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE HYMN: ***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded***

#351 v. 1, 3

**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 MESSAGE: "*A Reflection on the Dusty Cross*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Aberystwyth/Savior, When in Dust to You*

Fred Johnson, piano & Kathy Person, violin

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the offertory response. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics 'Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall' are written below the staves. The second system also has a treble and bass staff in the same key and time, with the lyrics 'be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many chords and some melodic lines.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace and mercy,

We give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts. 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 throughout the world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves to Your service, both now and forever. 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

(Please come forward for the imposition of ashes. The ushers will guide you down the center aisle and then return down the side aisles. 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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THE ABSOLUTION (The Pronouncement of Forgiveness)

LENTEN PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

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

#335 vv. 1-2

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: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* by Jason W. Krug
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.

NEW MASK GUIDELINES: If you are fully vaccinated, no mask is required inside. Of course, you are welcome to continue to wear a mask, even if fully vaccinated.

- This is an honor system.
- If you're coughing, feeling sick, please stay home and watch the service online. This was, is, and will be about protecting our most vulnerable people.
- We continue to place bulletins at your place to sit and please spread out a bit.
- We're fortunate to have a space that is uniquely open with plenty of fresh air.
- At this point, the pastors (and others) will still wear masks at various times during the service.

ASH WEDNESDAY is today. There are three opportunities to receive the imposition of ashes: 1) 8am-9am: Drive by in the upper circle for prayer; 2) Noon worship service (Offering for World Hunger); or 3) 6:30pm-7:00pm: Meet outside by the Baptismal Fountain before concert.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE CONCERT (Morehead, MN) - One of the great a capella choirs in the world in concert at Gloria Dei, tonight at 7pm. Tickets for purchase at the Welcome Table. They are also on sale at www.eventbrite.com/e/239306320647. Invite a friend to this great event!

LENTEN BOXES - Available for pick up at the Lenten Table. Fill them with coins - money will be split with half going to disaster relief in Ukraine through the Lutheran World Federation and half going to for ELCA World Hunger. Bring boxes back by Palm Sunday, April 10.

LENTEN HYMN MADNESS - Fill out a bracket, vote for a hymn, and see if your favorite advances. Sundays and Wednesdays (soup supper/worship) will focus on the music/scripture preparing us for Easter. Lent begins March 2 with Ash Wednesday and the Imposition of Ashes. **Brackets due today.**

MEN'S SPRING RETREAT - (Tempe): Annual event takes place March 4-6, 2022. Leaving 7am. Cost for hotel: \$160. Baseball will not be happening, but golf, hiking, enjoying an NBA game, along with great fellowship. Pick up a schedule at the Welcome Table today.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS begin on Wednesday, March 9, 6pm. Worship at 6:30pm. The Women's Board has graciously offered to bring soup that evening. Sign-up to bring soup at Welcome Table.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES for children (age 10 or younger) will take place on three Wednesdays beginning March 9, 5pm, meet in the Sanctuary. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S GROUP EVENT - March 12, hike at Strands Headlands with Ren Higgins 10am. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

MICAELA LUM CONCERT - March 15 at 7pm Micaela Lum will present a free piano recital in the Sanctuary.

SPRING FAMILY & FURRY FRIENDS PHOTO SHOOT - Pupparazzi, professional photographer, will be taking "Family & Furry Friends" pictures at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Saturday, March 19, 12pm - 2pm. Sign up & Flyers at Welcome Table.

MEMORIAL FOR MIKE SWINEHART is Friday, March 25, 11am. Reception to follow in Bankson Hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY will not take place this month, but will next month, April 9, 8am, and then all men (and others) are invited to stay for spring cleaning/planting, 9am-noon.

OFFERING - Please place check/money in boxes, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. Alternatively, you can give via credit card or debit card through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

UPCOMING: Women's One Day Retreat (April 9); Palm Sunday and Holy Week begin (April 10); Adult Inquiry Class for Membership (April 23); New Member Orientation for all Joining (April 24); New Member Sunday (May 1); Good Shepherd Sunday/Petting Zoo (May 8); Women's Tea (May 14).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

12pm: Lector: Donna Combe; Usher: Carol Weinhardt

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 2 - 5, 2022

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Ash Wednesday Drive-By Ashes (8am - 9am); Ash Wednesday Service (12pm); Women's Bible Study (10am); Concordia Choir Members only Dinner (5pm); Imposition of Ashes before Concert (6:30pm) Concordia Choir Concert (7pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Prayer Shawl (9am); Women's Board Meeting (9:15am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)