

Bethany Presbyterian and Grace Lutheran
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
March 2nd, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us worship God -God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

P: God's love endures forever.

L: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear - though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

P: God's love endures forever.

Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" #382

Prayer of the Day

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading	Isaiah 58:1-12	p.637
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	p.1006
Gospel Reading	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	p.839

(You may remain seated during the reading of the Scripture Lessons.)

Ash Wednesday Message Denise Ann Todero, CP

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline
(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)

Psalm 51:1-17 (Read Responsively)

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

P: Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

L: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

P: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

L: And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

P: Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

L: For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

P: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

L: Make me hear of joy and gladness that the body you have broken may rejoice.

P: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

L: Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

P: I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

L: Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

P: Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

L: Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

P: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Litany of Penitence *(bulletin insert)*

Imposition of Ashes

L: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

P: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

L: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

P: bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" #323

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy.....

.....who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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You are holy, O God of majesty,.....Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

The body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Communion Prayer

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology

#625

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN "Just As I Am"

#342

BENEDICTION

HYMN "Spirit of The Living God"

#247

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Commissioned Pastor Denise Ann Todero,
Bethany Presbyterian

Reverend Nancy Hoover, Grace Lutheran

ORGANIST: Ms. Elaine Bilger



Litany of Penitence

L: Let us pray. **P: 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 own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

L: 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.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: We have not listened 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.

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L: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

P: we confess to you, O God.

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

P: we confess to you, O God.

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

P: we confess to you, O God.

L: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

P: we confess to you, O God.

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

P: we confess to you, O God.

L: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

P: accept our repentance, O God.

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

P: accept our repentance, O God.

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

P: accept our repentance, O God.

L: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

P: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

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