

Lent 2021

Ash Wednesday – February 17, 2021 – 7:00 pm. Worship

The Eternal Name



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וְאָמַר
“I AM”

Ash Wednesday: “...Before Abraham was, I Am”

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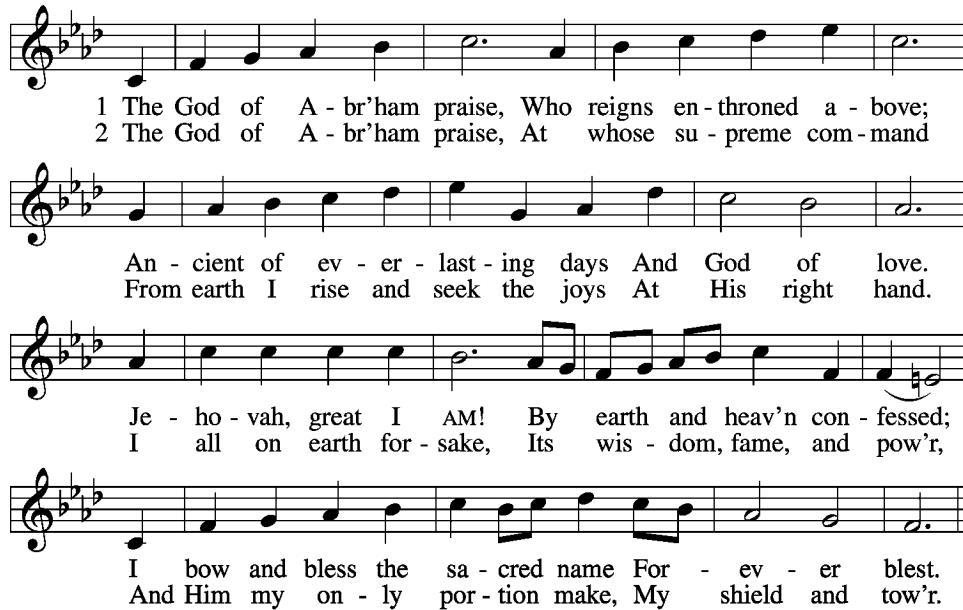
† Call to Worship †

The Imposition of Ashes

P Remember: “Dust you are; and to dust shall you return.” (Genesis 3:19)

R Amen.

Hymn # 798 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.

8 The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And “Holy, holy, holy!” cry,
“Almighty King!
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
We worship Thee!”

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Stand

Invocation

LSB 151

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalms 106:1-2, 13-23

P ¹Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
C **for his steadfast love endures forever!**
P ²Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,
C **or declare all his praise?**

P ¹³But they soon forgot his works;
C **they did not wait for his counsel.**
P ¹⁴But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness,
C **and put God to the test in the desert;**
P ¹⁵he gave them what they asked,
C **but sent a wasting disease among them.**
P ¹⁶When men in the camp were jealous of Moses
C **and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD,**
P ¹⁷the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
C **and covered the company of Abiram.**
P ¹⁸Fire also broke out in their company;
C **the flame burned up the wicked.**

P ¹⁹They made a calf in Horeb
C **and worshiped a metal image.**
P ²⁰They exchanged the glory of God
C **for the image of an ox that eats grass.**
P ²¹They forgot God, their Savior,
C **who had done great things in Egypt,**
P ²²wondrous works in the land of Ham,
C **and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.**
P ²³Therefore he said he would destroy them—
 had not Moses, his chosen one,
C **stood in the breach before him,**
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.
All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

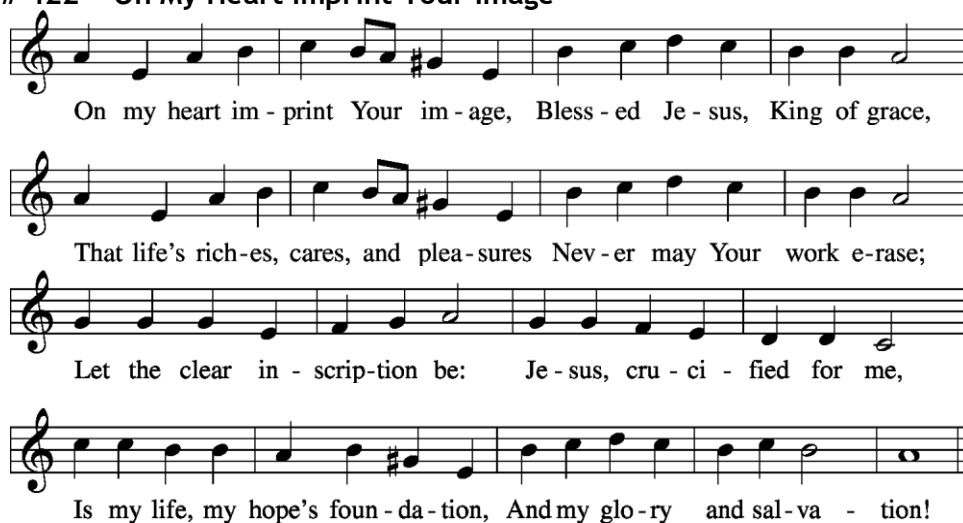
Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you; and, in the stead of, and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn # 422 “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
 That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;
 Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
 Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3:7-15

⁷Then the LORD said, *"I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."*

¹¹But Moses said to God, *"Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"*

¹²He said, *"But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."*

¹³Then Moses said to God, *"If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"*

¹⁴God said to Moses, *"I AM WHO I AM."* And he said, *"Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"* ¹⁵God also said to Moses, *"Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,

*"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you"?*

Or again,

*"I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son"?*

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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Holy Gospel: John 8:56-59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵⁶*Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."*

⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.*"

⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn # 384 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly
gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing
He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -
have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

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Sermon "... *Before Abraham was, I AM*" John 8:58

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sit

Prayer of the Church

Responses

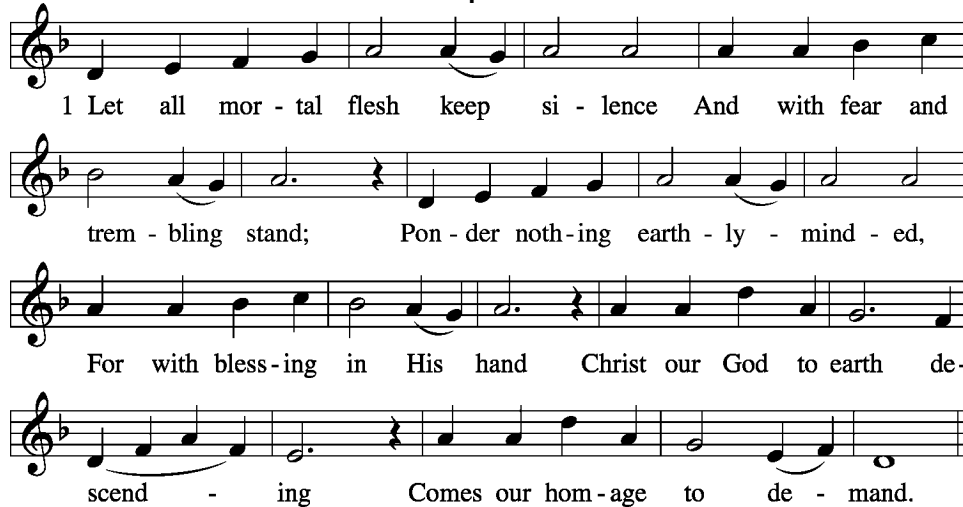
P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Hymn # 621:1 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”



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P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn # 621:3 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 209

C 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.

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.”*

Pax Domini

John 20:19 LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Hymn # 621:2 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.

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Thanksgiving

A O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endures forever.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

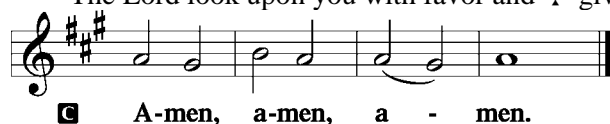
Benedicamus and Benediction

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

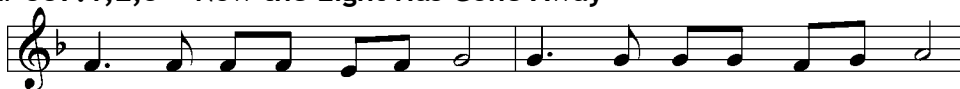
Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 202

- 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, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 887:1,2,5 "Now the Light Has Gone Away"



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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Divine Service, Settings One, and Four and Evening
Prayer from Lutheran Service Book

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