

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11:8-19

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, ‘It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.’ He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:29-33

Jesus answered them, ‘You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.’ And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018

Thy Will Be Done
Ash Wednesday: God's Will and God's Promise

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Brothers and sisters...to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

P: Most holy and merciful Father:

C: 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.

P: We have not loved you...have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We have been deaf...your Holy Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We confess to you...in our lives,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites...of other people,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our anger at...fortunate than ourselves,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our intemperate love...daily life and work,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our negligence in prayer...is in us,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Accept our repentance...injustice and cruelty,

C: accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For all false judgment...differ from us,

C: accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For our waste...come after us,

C: accept our repentance, Lord

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

If you wish to partake in the Imposition of Ashes please come forward in a single file via the middle aisle, receive the ashen cross upon your forehead and return to your chosen seat via the appropriate side aisle. For those who wish to remove the ashes before leaving the church tonight, you will find Personal Care Wipes in the narthex; please see the ushers with questions.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: Almighty God...Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Choir Anthem: *“Salvation is Created”*

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Hymn

P: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! (Psalm 130:1-2)

C: Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

P: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. (Psalm 130:3-4)

C: Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

P: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. (Psalm 130:5)

C: Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears, within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

P: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. (Psalm 130:6)

C: Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

P: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love; with him there is plenteous redemption. (Psalm 130:7)

C: Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down. Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11:8-19

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:29-33

Sermon

The Nicene Creed LBW p. 84

The Prayer of the Church *(Each petition ends with the following response)*

P: Son of God, by sinners slain, **C: let your sacrifice for us free us to live for you.**

The Collection of the Offering

Offertory Hymn

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

The Great Thanksgiving LBW p. 88

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) LBW p. 89

The Words of Institution LBW p. 89

The Lord's PrayerLBW p. 91

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)LBW p. 92

Note to our guests: As your church's tradition and your conscience may allow, we welcome all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who believe in the real presence of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

Come, Let Us Eat LBW # 214

O Bread of Life from Heaven LBW # 222

I Come O Savior to your Table LBW # 213

The Post-Communion Prayer LBW p. 94

The Benediction and Amen

BENEDICTION

P: Abraham and Isaac came down from that mountain with a story to tell. It is still said to this day, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." As you move through moments of confusion, as you walk through the experience of brokenness, may you learn to trust God's promises, and come out on the other side with a story to tell. And as you go, the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, perpetual tide,
opened when our Savior died.

Come in poverty and meanness, come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, from the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; ye shall walk with God in light.

Come in sorrow and contrition, wounded, impotent and blind;
Here the guilty free remission, here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; they that drink shall thirst no more.

They that drink shall live forever; 'tis a soul-renewing flood God is faithful;
God will never break his covenant of blood, Signed when our Redeemer died,
sealed when he was glorified.

By Justin Rossow. © 2018 Creative Communications for the Parish, a division of Bayard, Inc., 1564 Fencorp Dr., Fenton, MO 63026. 800-325-9414. www.creativecommunications.com.