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Ash Wednesday

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand* “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

- ♪ O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.
- ♪ You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God’s eternal Word.
- ♪ Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God’s love.
- ♪ Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven’s praise.

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Invocation

This is the day which the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Joel 2:13

Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Matthew 16:24

Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

He was bruised for our iniquities.

Isaiah 53:5

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

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.

Old Testament Canticle *Please Be Seated Music: “Alas, and Did”, Hymn 437* Isaiah 12:2-6

- ♪ The Lord God is my strength and song. My salvation, He is
With joy will you draw water from, The wells of salvation.
- ♪ And you will say in that great day: “Give thanks to the Lord God.”
Call on His name, make known His deeds; Exalted be His name.
- ♪ Sing praises to the Lord always, For He is glorious.
Let this be known in all the earth, O shout and sing for joy.
- ♪ Glory to God the Father, sing; Glory to Christ, our King.
And Holy Spirit, Three in One; ‘Tis now, and evermore.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:11–14

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

The Epistle

2 Peter 3:8–10

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Gradual Hymn

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

- ♪ Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suff’ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.
- ♪ Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
- ♪ Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been Of Your crucifixion.
- ♪ Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev’ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God’s only Son Suffered without measure?
- ♪ If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!
- ♪ Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav’n above Sing Your praise forever.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:1–25

¹When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ²“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

Responsory

We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

1 John 2:1

He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Mark 10:33

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Psalms 32:1

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Imposition of Ashes

Come forward in repentance to receive the mark of forgiveness, the cross, upon your forehead or your hand.

The Hymn

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

↓ Savior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow th’ adoring knee;

When, repentant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weeping eyes; O, by all Thy pains and woe

Suffered once for us below, Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

- ♪ By Thy helpless infant years, By Thy life of want and tears, By Thy days of deep distress
In the savage wilderness, By the dread, mysterious hour Of th' insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye; Hear our penitential cry!
- ♪ By Thine hour of dire despair, By Thine agony of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn, By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice, Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!
- ♪ By Thy deep expiring groan, By the sad sepulchral stone, By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God, O, from earth to heav'n restored, Mighty, reascended Lord,
Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

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Catechism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that Word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19

What benefit does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and give eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Mark 16:16

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the Word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Romans 6:4

Proclamation of the Word

"Silver and Ointment"

Matthew 26:1-25

The Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- ♪ 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!

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The Prayer *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with the following:

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants

Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

- ♪ My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me, Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be. Oh, who am I
That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
- ♪ He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow; But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know. But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!

- ♪ Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King. Then “Crucify!”
Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
- ♪ Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these Themselves displease And ’gainst Him rise.
- ♪ They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes That He His foes From thence might free.
- ♪ In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave. What may I say?
Heav’n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- ♪ Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

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Dismissal

New Testament Canticle *Music: “Abide With Me,” Hymn 878 “Glory to God”*

- ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav’nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord, God, Almighty Father, heav’nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s only Son, You bore for us the load of this world’s sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict’ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- ♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God’s right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav’nly host we glorify

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Benediction

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

- ♪ On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, And my glory and salvation!

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Postlude