

Old Testament of the Day
This is the Word of the Lord

Joel 2.12-19
Thanks be to God!

The Responsorial Psalm (spoken)

Be merciful unto me, O God: **be merciful unto me!**

For my soul, O God: **My soul trusteth in Thee.**

Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge: **until these calamities be overpast.**

I will cry unto God most High: **unto God that performeth all things for me.** (Ps. 57.1-2)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: **And to the Holy Ghost;**
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: **world without end. Amen!**

Epistle of the Day
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2 Peter 1.2-11
Thanks be to God!

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day**
The Tract for Ash Wednesday

He hath not dealt with us after our sins:

Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

O remember not against us us former iniquities:

Let Thy tender mercies speedily come before us.

Help us, O God of our salvation:

for the glory of Thy name.

And deliver us, and purge away our sins:

for Thy name's sake (Ps. 103.10; 79.8-9)

Announcement of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel of the Day Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

Responses to the Holy Gospel (spoken) p. 190-191

The Nicene Creed p. 191
[We are seated]

Chief Hymn **"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"** #425
Sermon

[We rise] **The Offertory: "On My Heart"** #422
[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise] **The Prayer of the Church**
The Our Father (inside back cover of Service Book)
"God Bless Our Native Land" #965

The Service of the Sacrament (spoken) p. 194
[Please review our Communion Policy on Page 1 of this Service Guide]

[We are seated]

Hymn **"Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"** #418

[We rise] **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow** #805

[We rise]

The Nunc Dimittis, p. 199

Thanksgiving, Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Final Hymn]

Final Hymn **"Lord, Thee I Love"** #708

A Guide to The Divine Service

7:00 P.M.

9 March 2011



"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven"

Ash Wednesday -- The Beginning of Lent
Clamabo ad Deum altissimum
"I will cry unto God Most High

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Entrance Hymn "Come, Thou Fount" #686

The Preparation for the Season of Lent Invitation to the Lenten Devotion

Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ:

On this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Ash Wednesday Penitential Litany

God the Father in heaven, **have mercy upon us.**
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy upon us.**
God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy upon us.**
Be gracious to us. **Spare us, good Lord.**
Be gracious to us. **Help us, good Lord.**
By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation: **Help us, good Lord.**
By Thy holy nativity: **Help us, good Lord.**
By Thy baptism, fasting, and temptation: **Help us, good Lord.**
By Thine agony and blood sweat: **Help us, good Lord.**
By Thy cross and Passion: **Help us, good Lord.**
By Thy precious death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**
By Thy glorious resurrection and ascension:

Help us, good Lord.

And by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

Help us, good Lord.

In the hour of our tribulation: **Help us, good Lord.**

In all time of our prosperity: **Help us, good Lord.**

In the hour of death: **Help us, good Lord.**

And in the day of judgment: **Help us, good Lord.**

We poor sinners implore Thee: **to hear us, O Lord.**

To prosper the preaching of Thy Word:

We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To bless our prayer and meditation:

We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To strengthen and preserve us in the truth faith:

We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To draw all to Thyself:

We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To bless those who are instructed in the faith:

We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers: **We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

To give abundant blessing to all works of mercy and to have mercy on us all: **We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

To turn our hearts to Thee: **We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

To turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers:

We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.

And graciously to hear our prayers;

We implore Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God: **We implore Thee to hear us.**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: **Grant us Thy peace.**

O Christ, **here us.**

O Lord, **have mercy.**

O Christ, **have mercy.**

O Lord, **have mercy. Amen!**

The Imposition of Ashes

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p.185

The Service of the Word begins with the Introit

Antiphon for Ash Wednesday

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The Gloria Patri (spoken) p. 186

Kyrie, [the *Gloria in Excelsis* is omitted during Lent]

Salutation

The Collect for Ash Wednesday: Almighty and Everlasting God, who for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Thy dear Son dost again, during the present Lenten Season, graciously and earnestly offer to us forgiveness of sins, life, and eternal salvation, we beseech Thee, give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not presumptuously or lightly set at naught the offer of Thy grace and mercy, but follow Thy gracious Lenten invitation with humble steps, and by holiness of living give Thee continual thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

The Collect for Lent-Proper (the First Four Weeks of Lent):

Almighty and Everlasting God our Heavenly Father, who hastest nothing that Thou has made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

[We are seated]