



“I will keep the Passover”

Abiding Word Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday

Hymn: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On your ho - ly
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af -
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see your
 4 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science
 5 Grant that I your pas - sion view With re - pent - ant



pas - sion; With your Spir - it me en - dow
 flic - tion, Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness
 pas - sion, But its cause to me make known
 grieve me, Let your cross my fear dis - arm;
 griev - ing. Let me not bring shame to you



For such med - i - ta - tion. Grant that I in love
 And your cru - ci - fix - ion; Make me see how scourge
 And its ter - mi - na - tion. Ah! I al - so and
 Peace of con - science give me. Help me see for - give -
 By un - ho - ly liv - ing. How could I re - fuse



and faith May the im - age cher - ish Of your suf -
 and rod, Spear and nails did wound you, How for them
 my sin Wrought your deep af - flic - tion; This in - deed
 ness won By your ho - ly pas - sion. If for me
 to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful pleas - ure Since for me



f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
 you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.
 the cause has been Of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!
 God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out meas - ure?

6 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.

INSTRUCTION FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Silence for reflection and self-examination

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

M: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

C: **We lie and do not live by the truth.**

M: If we claim to be without sin,

C: **We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

C: **Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of the Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who desire to receive the sign of ashes come forward.

M: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

After all who desire have received ashes, the minister says:

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

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

M: By the cross and suffering of your Son, O Lord,

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

ABSOLUTION

M: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Psalm 51D God, Be Merciful to me

**1 God, be merciful to me, on your grace I rest my plea;
your compassions overflow, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.**

**2 My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against your grace and provoked you to your face;
I confess your judgment just, speechless, in your mercy trust.**

**3 I am evil, born in sin; you desire all truth within.
You alone my Savior are, teach your wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, your grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.**

**4 Broken, humbled to the dust by your wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear your voice;
from my sins, O hide your face, blot them out in boundless grace.**

2 Samuel 12:1-13

12 The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

⁴“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ⁶He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

⁷Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’

¹¹“This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. ¹²You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’ ”

¹³Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6 As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ²For he says,

"In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Psalms 51D God, Be Merciful to me

5 Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
let me not abandoned be, let your Spirit dwell in me;
your salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

6 Sinners then shall learn from me and to God restored shall be;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing your love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

7 No attempted sacrifice has acceptance in your eyes;
broken hearts are in your sight more than sacrificial rite;
contrite spirit, pleading cries, you, O God, will not despise.

8 Prosper Zion in your grace and her broken walls replace;
then our righteous sacrifice shall delight your holy eyes;
freewill off' rings, gladly made, on your altar shall be laid.

Luke 18:9-14

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

¹³"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

¹⁴"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

SERMON HYMN: Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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**1 Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, In the dawning of the King,
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.**

**2 Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, he the perfect Son of Man;
In his living, in his suff'ring never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hellbound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.**

**3 Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.**

**4 Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain him; praise the Lord; he is alive!
What a fortasete of deliev'rance; how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as will we be when he comes.**

Sermon on Matthew 26:18

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LORD'S PRAYER

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 OFFERTORY

Sung to the tune of O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

**C: What language shall I borrow To thank you, dearest Friend,
 For all Your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?
 Oh, make me Yours forever; And should I fainting prove,
 Lord, let me never, never Forsake your dying love!**

THE PREFACE

Sung to the tune of O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

**M: The Lord is with His people; The Lord God be with you.
C: The Lord is with His servants; The Lord be with you, too.
M: Your grateful hearts now raise Him
C: To God we lift them high.
 'Tis right to thank and praise Him Who to his world draws nigh**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**M: Always and everywhere it is right to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave His life on the cross for us that, freed
 from the power of sin and death, we might have eternal joy in Your presence,
 renewed in faith and life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of
 heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:**

THE SANCTUS

Sung to the tune of Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Heav'n and earth proclaim the story
 Of Your majesty adored, Of your kingdom, pow'r, and glory.
 With hosannas now we meet You; With our palms and praises greet You:**

**Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He Who in God's own name draws near us!
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we Since we have God's love to cheer us:
Blood outpoured and body broken Of eternal love the token.**

THE CONSECRATION

THE AGNUS DEI

Sung to the tune of *O Dearest Jesus*

**C: Jesus, the Lamb of God, Have mercy on us!
Jesus, who bore our sins, Have mercy on us!
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy!
Give us Your peace, Lord!**

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE NUNC DIMMITIS

Sung to the tune of *Our Father, by Whose Name*

**C: In peace, Lord, at Your Word, Now let Your servant go;
For I have seen and heard What all the earth must know:
Salvation for the world is here!
And Israel's Light shines bright and clear
Upon the nations far and near.**

**Eternal praise and fame Be to our God alone!
We proudly bear His name, Proclaim what he has done.
For our redemption, full and free,
To Father, Son, and Spirit be
All praise and thanks eternally!**

THE BENEDICTION

Sung to the tune of *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**M: The good Lord bless and keep you, Lift up His shining face,
With favor look upon you And grant eternal peace.**
**C: To Father, Son, and Spirit, Most gracious One-in-Three,
Be glory, praise, and blessing Now and eternally!**