



## PRELUDE

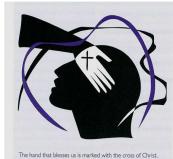
## "Dust and Ashes"

### +GREETING

P) The Lord be with you.

C) And also with you.

Noon & 7:00PM  
February 17, 2021  
Ash Wednesday



The hand that blesses us is marked with the cross of Christ.

### +PRAYER OF THE DAY

P) Let us pray... 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 receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLINES

#### PSALM: Psalm 51:1-19 (Congregation reads)

C) <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.  
<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
<sup>4</sup>Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass  
judgment. <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived  
me. <sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in  
my secret heart. <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me,  
and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the  
bones that you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within  
me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy  
spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me  
a willing spirit. <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will  
return to you. <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.  
<sup>15</sup>O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.  
<sup>16</sup>For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering,  
you would not be pleased. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken  
spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
<sup>18</sup>Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,  
<sup>19</sup>then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole  
burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

P) The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.



*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commands almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.*

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup>So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P) The gospel of the Lord.

C) Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON

(Noon) Pr Sonja Pancoast - Zion, Loveland  
(7:00pm) Pr Ruth Ann Loughry

HYMN OF THE DAY "Be Thou My Vision" (ELW 793, vs.1&4)  
(7:00pm soloist) – Dr. Jane Andrews

(please mute your microphone to sing along or listen)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### CONFESSON OF SIN

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism as pastor begins.*

P) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most holy and merciful God,

**C) we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P) We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**C) Have mercy on us, O God.**

P) We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**C) Have mercy on us, O God.**

P) Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**C) Have mercy on us, O God.**

P) Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**C) Have mercy on us, O God.**

P) Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**C) Have mercy on us, O God.**

P) Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**C) Have mercy on us, O God.**

P) Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**C) Have mercy on us, O God.**

P) Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**C) Have mercy on us, O God.**

P) Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**C) Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**



### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

P) Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return)*

**HYMN            "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"            (ELW 338, vs.3)**

I take, O cross, your shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss,



my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all, the cross.

**+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)  
AM) ... We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **+LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

#### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **+BLESSING**

P) Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **+DISMISSAL**

P) Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C) Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**



### **Worship Leaders**

#### **Noon**

Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry, King of Glory Lutheran Church  
Pastor Sonja Pancoast, Zion Lutheran Church – Loveland  
Pastor Chris Davis, Trinity Lutheran Church – Loveland  
Kathy Pensack-Rinehart – Music  
Eric Backsen – Sound

#### **7:00pm**

Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry  
Pastor Deb Abbott

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