

Those Assisting Us Tonight

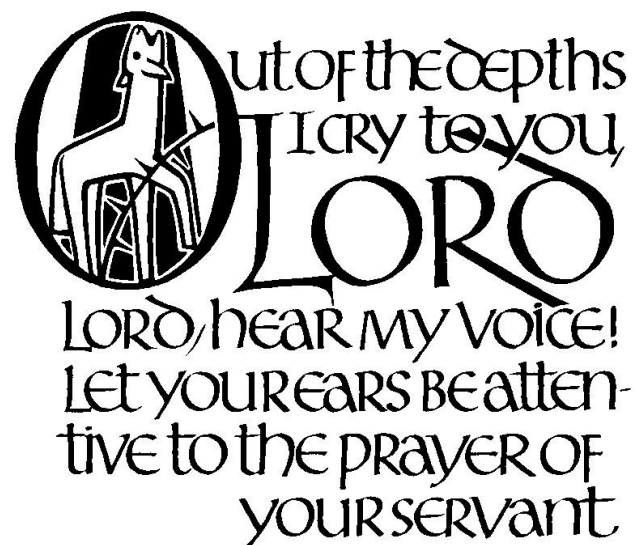
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Ash Wednesday

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The Order of Holy Communion
(from the *Brandenburg-Nuremberg Kirchenordnungen*, 1533)

The Office of Corporate Absolution

- P: In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen**
- P: Throughout the Bible, ashes are a symbol for repentance. The use of ashes on Ash Wednesday is very ancient. “Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.” God’s Law speaks this verdict upon us all.
- C: **These words of ending recall our beginning. Out of the dust of the ground God formed humanity. God breathed into our nostrils the breath of life, and we became living beings.**
- P: “Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.” God made Adam, man of dust, in His image.
- C: **Who are we, Lord, that You are mindful of us and care for us? You have made us a little less than Yourself, crowning us with glory and honor.**
- P: “Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.” We deserve God’s curse for we have sinned.
- C: **You turn us back to dust, Lord. Before the day we die, we come to You with ashes upon our lives, the mark of the curse. We turn from our sin to face You, Lord. Forgive us, and restore us, for Jesus’ sake, and speak to us another word besides “ashes to ashes, dust to dust.”**
- P: Assembled to hear God’s Word and receive His blessed Son in the Holy Sacrament, we admit that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. Therefore, we take refuge in God’s infinite mercy, seeking and imploring His grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, be merciful to us.
- C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Pax Domini

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **and also with you.**

Agnus Dei Hymn: “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”434

The Distribution

Music During Distribution:

“**The Lamb**” **547**

“**The Infant Priest Was Holy Born**” **624**

The Thanksgiving Collect

P: We thank You Almighty God, that You have satisfied us by giving us the Body and the Blood. And we ask Your mercy to strengthen our faith towards You and in fervent love for one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **AMEN.**

The Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

The Aaronic Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor, and grant You His peace.

C: **AMEN!**

Closing Hymn: “In Silent Pain the Eternal God”.....432 *(stanzas 1-2, solo; congregation invited to join on stanza 3)*

Notes: This service is an English Adaptation from the *Brandenburg-Nuremberg Kirchenordnungen*, (Church orders) 1533, by Johann Brenz and Andreas Osiander. Both Brenz and Osiander were key figures in the Lutheran Reformation during the 16th century. The bulk of this service was translated from the German by Dr. Eric C. Stumpf. The Lord’s Prayer Litany is an adaptation of one written by Dr. Luther for his *Deutsche Missae* of 1526.

Processional Hymn: “O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art”(TLH 328)

1. O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou art
The Life and Comfort of my heart.
A sinner poor I come to Thee
And bring my many sins with me.

2. O God, my sin indeed is great;
I groan beneath the dreadful weight.
Be merciful to me, I pray;
Take guilt and punishment away.

3. Saint John the Baptist points to Thee
And bids me cast my sin on Thee;
For Thou hast left Thy throne on high
To suffer for the world and die.

4. Help me to mend my ways, O Lord,
And gladly to obey Thy Word.
While here I live, abide with me;
And when I die, take me to Thee.
(Tune: *St. Crispin*, TLH 245)

The Kyrie Eleison

P: O God, the Father in heaven,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

P: O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

P: O God the Holy Spirit,

C: **have mercy upon us, and grace us Your Peace. Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during the solemn season of Lent

The Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, because You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent, create in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily repenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 59:12-20

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-13 (antiphon, vs. 17)

The Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:19-6:2

The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 11:20-30

The Creed *(Nicene Creed, back cover of hymnal)*

The Hymn of the Day: "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"607

The Sermon

The Offering

The Preface

P: Dearly beloved in God: Before we draw near the holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ....

... love one another as He loved us. Because He loved us, we are all one bread and one body, we are all partaking of the one bread and drinking from the one cup.

The Sanctus: "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old" 960

(mostly solo; Congregation invited to join in with "Holy is God the Lord of Sabaoth ... through... His Glory fills the heavens and the earth.")

Luther's Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer

L: Friends in Christ: Since we are here assembled in the name of the Lord, I admonish you to lift up your hearts to God to pray with me the Lord's Prayer, as Christ our Lord has taught us and graciously promised to hear us.

C: Our Father, Who art in heaven.

L: That God, our Father in heaven, may look with mercy on us, His needy children on earth, and grant us grace so that His holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of His Word and the fervent love of our lives; that He would graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby His precious name is being blasphemed and profaned. *(silence for meditation)*

L: Let us pray:

C: Thy Kingdom Come

L: That His kingdom may come to us and expand; that all transgressors and they who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom be brought to know Jesus Christ His Son by faith, and that the number of Christians may be increased.

(silence for meditation)

L: Let us pray:

C: Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

L: That we may be strengthened by His Spirit to do and to suffer His will, both in life and in death, in good and in evil things, and always to break, slay, and sacrifice our own wills.

(silence for meditation)

L: Let us pray:

C: Give us this day our daily bread.

L: That he would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

(silence for meditation)

L: Let us pray:

C: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

L: That He would forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before Him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

(silence for meditation)

L: Let us pray:

C: and lead us not into temptation

L: That He would not lead us into temptation but help us by His Spirit to subdue the flesh, to despise the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles.

(silence for meditation)

L: Let us pray:

P: but deliver us from evil

L: And lastly, that He would deliver us from all evil, both of body and soul, now and forever.

(silence for meditation)

L: Let us pray:

C: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

L: All those who earnestly desire these things will say from their very hearts: Amen, trusting without any doubt that it is Yea and answered in heaven as Christ has promised: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you shall receive it, and you will [Mark 11:24].

C: Amen.