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Invocation

A: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection, the season of Lent. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

C: Gracious Father in heaven, when You made all things You set in motion the seasons and cycles of creation. Be with us now, we pray, during this season which Your Church has set aside for special devotion and repentance. Bless our Lententide so that our special ritual and devotion might not be shallow or empty. Rather, may our self-examination be genuine and our worship be born of true devotion and faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn, "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" 607

1, 3: Solo; 2, 4, 5: Congregation

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2:12-19

P: "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

A: Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity.

P: Through Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to save us from the condemnation of sin, we humbly beseech You to

C: forgive us our terrible sins and help us by Your Holy Spirit to live in faith and repentance.

P: As the ancient Israelites repented of their sin and sat in sackcloth and ashes, we likewise come to You, fully aware that because of sin we are but frail human beings.

C: (sung) Tune: *Hamburg* 425
Dust we are and to dust we go.
The fruit of good and evil we know.
“Ashes to ashes” reminds us all
We are but frailty, cursed by the fall.

(Text by Timothy S. Rosenthal)

Hymn: “Savior, When in Dust to Thee” 419
“Spanish Chant”, TLH 166

Absolution

P: Hear the Good News of God! Through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, God takes away all our guilt and punishment. By His own command, I declare to you this solemn day, that, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

All: (sung) Tune: *Hamburg* 425
Forgiveness is ours, pure and free.
Our Lord and Christ has died on the tree.
He died for sin; for guilt He atoned.
Through Him God calls us as His own.

Thanks be to God He forgives our sin.
O’er us the devil ne’er can win.
Jesus, our Savior, Brother, Friend,
Is with us now and ‘til the end.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

Psalmody: Psalm 51 (*read responsively*)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon:

Nicene Creed

Offering

Prayer of the Church LSB p. 215f.

Preface Sung to the Tune: *Hamburg* 425

P: The Lord be with you, one and all.

C: And with you, too, whom God has called.

P: Lift up your hearts to God anew.

C: It’s truly good and right to do.

Proper Preface Tune: *Hamburg* 425

Pastor: *(sung)* Once, by a tree, we were o’ercome.
Then by a tree, Lord, You, have won
Life for all who trust in Your name.
Now we, Your people, thus proclaim:
(Text by Timothy S. Rosenthal)

Sanctus Tune: *Hamburg* 425

C: (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord**
We with angels You adore.
Heav’n and Earth are full of Your might.
Glory is Yours, O Giver of Life.

Hosanna in the highest, Lord.
Hosannas ring forever more.
Blessed is He who in Your name comes:
Jesus, the Christ, God’s only Son.

(Text by Timothy S. Rosenthal)

Lord's Prayer

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Agnus Dei Tune: Hamburg 425

C: O Lamb of God, You take away
All of our sins, our debt You paid.
O Lamb of God, we sing Your praise;
Grant us Your peace throughout our days.

Distribution

Music During Distribution

“To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All” 613

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
636

Post Communion Collect

Benediction

C: Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing---grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God.

A: Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast.

C: Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say,

P: “Spare Your people, O Lord. Do not make Your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”

A: Then the Lord will be jealous for His land and take pity on His people. The Lord will reply to them:

P: “I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.”

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Confession Tune: *Hamburg*, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” 425

C: “Return to Me,” says God, the Lord
Confess your sins, your hearts outpour.
With all your hearts return to Him
For by His grace He cleanses sin.

(Text by Timothy S. Rosenthal)

P: Let us return to the Lord our God in confession and repentance.

C: Heavenly Father, we confess our many sins to You. By our very nature, we are sinful human beings who have been condemned by the fall. What is more, we continually sin against You by our thoughts, our words, and our actions.

P: We silently confess before You particular sins that are known to us ...

(Here follows a brief time of silence for the worshipers to reflect upon specific sins.)