

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Prelude in G Minor J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)
Gracious God, out of your love you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness and strengthen us to face our mortality that we may reach with confidence for your mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days St. Flavian
Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

The congregation sits.

Welcome and Announcements

Old Testament

Joel 2:1-2,12-17

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon

The Party's Over

Mike Krech

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 82

O Lamb of God, Most Holy

O Lammes Gott

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Psalm 51:1-15,17

Unison

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you alone have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

So you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

Indeed I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Lord, who throughout these forty days For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.

As Thou with Satan didst contend, And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us that so, this life Of suffering overpast,
An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!

Text: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN; Day's *Psalter*, 1562

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!

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O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:
Your peace be with us, Jesus!

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c.1541; trans. Arthur Tozer Russell (1806-1874)

Tune: O LAMM GOTTES; Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541

The Glory of These Forty Days

The glory of these forty days We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came The steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight, Delivered from the lion's might;
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became The herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant that we like them be true, Consumed in fast and prayer with You;
Our spirits strengthen with Your grace, And give us joy to see Your face.

Text: Gregory the Great (540-604); trans. Maurice F. Bell, 1906;

Tune: Erhalt Uns, Herr; King's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. J.S. Bach, 1725

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

Text: John Ernest Bode, 1868;

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY; Arthur Henry Mann, 1881