

"From dust you came... to dust you shall return" Genesis 3:19

Ash Wednesday – Meditative Service –



Hymn: "Savior, When in Dust to Thee - LSB 419

Opening Versicles

P Now is the time of God's favor.

C **Now is the day of salvation.**

P Turn us again, O God of our salvation.

C **That the light of Your face may shine on us.**

P May Your justice shine like the sun.

C **And may the poor be uplifted.**

P Let us pray.

Let the proverbial incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C **Amen.**

Psalm - 51:1–13

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin!

³**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you may be justified and blameless in your judgment.

⁵I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

⁶**You delight in truth; you teach wisdom to my heart.**

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
Let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God; renew in me a right spirit.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
And sinners will return to you.

You may be seated

Reading – Joel 2:12–19

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Hymn of the Day: “By Grace I'm Saved” - LSB 566

Sermon – “Saved Even from Dust and Ashes”

The Imposition of Ashes

P Let us pray.

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

You may come up to the altar rail in single file to receive ashen crosses upon your forehead, as the pastor says, “From dust you came and to dust you shall return”.

The Litany – LSB p.249

Collect For Peace

P O Lord, our dwelling place and our peace, You have compassion on our weakness. Put far from us all worry and fearfulness that, having confessed our sins and commending ourselves to Your gracious mercy, we may, when night shall come, commit ourselves, our work, and all we love into Your keeping, receiving from You the gift of quiet sleep; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Benedicamus

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son,
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
C Amen.

Final Hymn: "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" - LSB 563

