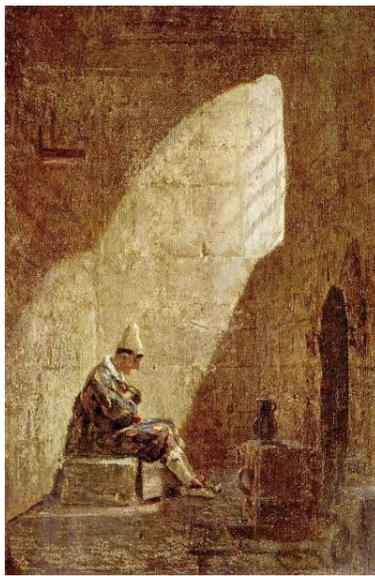


**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
**February 22, 2023**  
**Ash Wednesday**



**“Ash Wednesday”**  
 by Carl Spitzweg 1860

Welcome:

Hymn: CP 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of  
 Days,  
 almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
 in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
 we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
 then wither and perish, but nought changeth  
 thee.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
 thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
 thy clouds which are fountains of goodness  
 and love.

4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom and  
 light,  
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
 all laud we would render: O help us to see  
 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Gathering: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 And the love of God,  
 And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
 Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**To you all hearts are open,  
 All desires known,  
 And from you no secrets are hidden.  
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
 By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
 That we may perfectly love you,  
 And worthily magnify your holy name.  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Trisagion: Holy God,  
 Holy and mighty,  
 Holy and immortal one,  
 Have mercy on us. (3x)

Psalm 102 *Refrain: The Lord is close to all who call him.*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you.
- <sup>2</sup> Do not hide your face from me on the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily on the day when I call.
- <sup>3</sup> For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.
- <sup>4</sup> My heart is stricken and withered like grass; I am too wasted to eat my bread.
- <sup>5</sup> Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my skin.
- <sup>6</sup> I am like an owl of the wilderness, like a little owl of the waste places.
- <sup>7</sup> I lie awake; I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.
- <sup>8</sup> All day long my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse.
- <sup>9</sup> For I eat ashes like bread, and mingle tears with my drink,
- <sup>10</sup> because of your indignation and anger; for you have lifted me up and thrown me aside.
- <sup>11</sup> My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.
- <sup>12</sup> But you, O Lord, are enthroned for ever; your name endures to all generations.
- <sup>13</sup> You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favour it; the appointed time has come.
- <sup>14</sup> For your servants hold its stones dear, and have pity on its dust.
- <sup>15</sup> The nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth your glory.
- <sup>16</sup> For the Lord will build up Zion; he will appear in his glory.
- <sup>17</sup> He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer.

<sup>18</sup> Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord:  
<sup>19</sup> that he looked down from his holy height, from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,  
<sup>20</sup> to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die;  
<sup>21</sup> so that the name of the Lord may be declared in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem,  
<sup>22</sup> when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.  
<sup>23</sup> He has broken my strength in mid-course; he has shortened my days.  
<sup>24</sup> 'O my God,' I say, 'do not take me away at the mid-point of my life, you whose years endure throughout all generations.'  
<sup>25</sup> Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
<sup>26</sup> They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment. You change them like clothing, and they pass away;  
<sup>27</sup> but you are the same, and your years have no end.  
<sup>28</sup> The children of your servants shall live secure; their offspring shall be established in your presence.

### The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:  
<sup>10</sup> 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.  
<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector.  
<sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."  
<sup>13</sup> But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"  
<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

CP 564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7166576 Song of Repentance

1 We've fallen short  
We've wandered far from Your ways  
Forgive us O Lord  
We've sinned against Your name

***Pre-Chorus***

***Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy***

***Chorus***

***This is a song of repentance  
This is a plea to Your heart  
Would You purify us Lord  
Open Your hand to deliver  
Reach down in power to save  
You are Holy God***

2 God keep us close  
Held in Your promise of grace  
Come change our hearts  
Restore who we are we pray

***Bridge***

Now Almighty One  
All-consuming love  
Lord remember us  
Make us holy  
For the sake of Christ  
We lay down our lives  
O now Church arise  
For His glory

***Ending***

This is a song of revival  
Let holiness flood through this land  
Would You purify us Lord  
Would You purify us Lord

Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

Let us come before our Creator and Redeemer.

Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, And a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

We remember we are dust, and to dust we shall return. (Silence)

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

#### Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven.**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again**

**to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Healing Litany:

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers: Sandra, Merle, Mary, Irene, Helen, Tony and Mary Jean, Bill, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, Shirley and Cyril, Lisa, Marijke, Christie, Cathy and the family, Diane, Janelle, Rosemary, Roald and Sandy.

Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, Hear and have mercy.

**Hear and have mercy**

Blessed Jesus, your Holy name is medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life

**Hear and have mercy**

Grant us your grace to heal those who are sick. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Give rest to the weary and hold the dying in your loving arms. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation of Easter joy. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Uphold those who keep watch over the sick. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**Hear and have mercy**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**Hear and have mercy**

Compassionate God, you so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fulness of your eternal life. Amen

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
 you despise nothing you have made  
 and forgive the sins of all who are penitent.  
 Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
 that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
 and acknowledging our brokenness,  
 may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
 perfect remission and forgiveness;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

### CP 615 Just As I Am

1 Just as I am, without one plea,  
 but that thy blood was shed for me,  
 and that thou biddest me come to thee,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
 sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
 yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
 with many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
 fightings and fears within, without,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, and waiting not  
 to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
 to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am thy love unknown  
 has broken every barrier down  
 now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord, giving thanks for his living word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power  
 of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**