

02/17/2021

Ash Wednesday, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

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

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

**You do, indeed, have mercy upon us, O God, and fashion us according to your benevolent design. You instill within us the seeds of your righteousness and foster our growth through the gift of your Son. You enhance our efforts when we seek to be faithful and hinder us when we stray from your will. As you open our lips our mouths will declare your praise. As you bring us the word we will worship your name. Amen.**

HYMN: God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us (436)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 51:1-17

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Penitent Addition

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Open My Eyes, That I May See (451)

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

LITANY OF PENITENCE:

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We confess you to, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to command the faith that is in us,

**have mercy on us, O God.**

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**have mercy on us, O God.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

**Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our morality and penitence, for it is only by your gracious gift we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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 our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

HYMN: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (688)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE and ASHES (*at exit to Parking Lot*)