

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP



PRAY



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IN PERSON & LIVE STREAM WORSHIP

7:00 PM MARCH 2, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to all who gather this day to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. Your presence enriches our community.

Tonight we gather in the Peace Chancel In-Person.

On the five subsequent Wednesdays during the Season of Lent we will gather via ZOOM for a brief worship service at 7:00pm (30-35 minutes), followed by fellowship until 8:15pm or so for those who desire.

These Wednesdays will be built around the theme: Turning toward God's Abundance.

Each week will focus on one of five divine attributes drawn from the gospel of Luke:

FAITHFULNESS, MERCY, COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS, AND LOVE

Look for a ZOOM invite in your email inbox each week.

Find a candle and keep it handy throughout Lent. (The color of the season is purple, but the candle can be of any color.) Lighting your candle, a symbol of Christ's light in our midst, will be part of our weekly worship ritual.





ON ASH WEDNESDAY we begin our forty-day journey with Christ toward the cross and empty tomb. Marking our foreheads with ash, we acknowledge that we are destined to die and return to the Earth. At the same time, the ash traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey together through this season, our relationship with God through the covenant of baptism is renewed. Returning to our baptismal call, we are set free to more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Loving Spirit

arr. John Carter

WELCOME

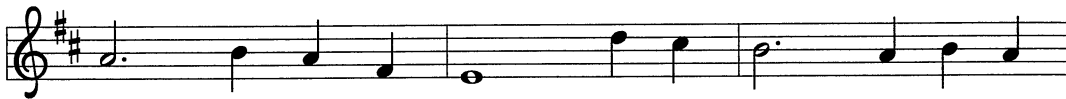
GATHERING HYMN

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

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1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
 fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
 fore you; do not run from me in fright."
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together. Gracious God,

C **Out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

+ WORD +

PSALM 51:1-17 *Read responsively*

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

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For 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.

⁵And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹²Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

¹⁴I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

¹⁵Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God
of my salvation.

¹⁶Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

**¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*In the sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting,
but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.*

¹[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Things of Dust to Dust Return

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1. All things of dust to dust return on Earth and in the sky.
the hottest, brightest suns that burn in time grow dim and die.
The fish that leap, the birds that soar, the newborn young that play,
the leaves that fill the forest floor revert to dust and clay.
2. Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so I may comprehend
that ev'ry moment here and now links me to that same end
I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire
yet by their waning light discern your own undying fire.
3. Lord, mark upon my brow this sign: a stark and barren cross
reminding me that though divine you know my pain and loss.
and at the touch of dust and ash awake my heart to view
how death itself is but a flash that dies away in you.

+ ASHES +

INVITATION TO LENT

P Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept.

P Most holy and merciful God,

**C we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P 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.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P We have shut our ears 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.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy,

and apathy that have infected our lives,

we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

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

we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us,

we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

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

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

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

P Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

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

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P Almighty and Altender God, you have created us out of the dust of the Earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

If you are joining the live stream from home, now blow out your candle, or take a bit of Earth's soil you have set aside, rub your fingers in it, and trace it on yourself or on another member of your household while saying these words: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

HYMN *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
 C **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**
 P By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
 C **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**
 P 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.
 C **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, renew in us your kingdom and teach us to pray:
 C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING


P Almighty and Altender God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you now and forever.
 C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Deep Peace

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT. Beginning next week, March 9, the five Wednesday evening services will focus on five divine attributes drawn from the gospel texts for Lent: faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love. These services will take place on ZOOM beginning at 7:00pm. Look for an INVITE in your inbox each week.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL, sponsored by the Creation Care Team, is: *A GROUNDED FAITH: Reconnecting with Creator and Creation in the Season of Lent.* The devotional will be distributed electronically or as a PDF. To request a copy, send an email to us using our new email address: creationcare@peacelutheranseattle.org Please specify your choice of format pdf or EPUB. (If no choice is specified, a pdf will be provided. This is the same electronic file format as our weekly bulletin and Peace Notes.) Should you wish to order a printed copy of the devotional, you may do so at the publisher's website: <http://www.barclaypressbookstore.com/A-Grounded-Faith.html> - *The Creation Care Team*: Deb Hagen-Lukens, John Fueger, Kathleen Fueger, Marian Christjaener, Barbara Hillier, Dana Rice, Michael Truog, Pastor Erik Kindem

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Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.



As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Sarah Bliss; Cindy Collie; Gavriella DeBoer; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Gary Humphries; Vickie Jarvimaki; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Karen Kunze; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Maya Marshall; Bill Marts; Lynn McCracken; Kris McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Alan Mills; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Michelle Pierce; Cal Seibel; Mitch Shepard; Bob & Rosemary Smalding; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; Charles Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Kim Sundbloom; Sarah Taylor; Tom Vane; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Megan Webber; Nanette Wichman; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Inta Zagars

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