

Ash Wednesday • February 22, 2023 • 6 pm



Jan Richardson

This is God's house. There is a place for you here. Welcome home.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall O Humankind, Mourn Your Great Sins

J. S. BACH, BWV 622

Welcome

Heather Woolard

Call to Worship

Barnes Dragner

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

In life and in death, we belong to God.

Wipe away my wrong-doings according to your great compassion. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Stay near to me.

With you by my side, I am strong enough to keep going.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Let the joy of your salvation return to me and give me a willing spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

In life and in death, we belong to God.

* Hymn 430

Remember Not, O God

SOUTHWELL

Call to Confession

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Prayer of Confession Ruth Phelps

We are sorry, O God,

for the things we have done

that have hurt you, hurt others, and hurt ourselves.

We have not loved you or others as much as we could.

Lord, we are sorry.

We have not helped others as Jesus helped us.

Lord, we are sorry.

We have been impatient.

Lord, we are sorry.

We have been angry when we should have shown grace.

Lord, we are sorry.

We have been complacent when we should have been angry.

Lord, we are sorry.

We have been jealous of others.

Lord, we are sorry.

We have told lies or stretched the truth.

Lord, we are sorry.

We have forgotten to pray.

Lord, we are sorry.

Love us as we are, O God, but do not leave us in our sin.

Work in us and make us new.

Act of Confession

Anthem

Chancel Choir Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God.

CARL F. MUELLER

Create in me a clean heart, O God;

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence;

and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;

and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Assurance of God's Grace

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. John Cook

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice? Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to guarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, he restorer of streets to live in.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Rev. John Cook

Living Dusty

Responding to the Word

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Imposition of Ashes

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Receiving Ashes, Bread, and Cup

All are welcome at Christ's table. As an act of hospitality, all of the bread is gluten-free and all of the cups contain grape juice.

Prayer of Response

* Hymn 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

- * Benediction
- * Postlude

Prelude on Tallis' Ordinal HEALEY WILLAN

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP THIS EVENING are Matthew McCall, Heather Woolard, Barnes Dragner, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Ruth Phelps, Rev. John Cook, and the Chancel Choir.

Lent at Shandon

Palm Sunday | April 2

Palm Procession | 10:20 am, Sanctuary Steps Worship with Communion | 10:30 am, Sanctuary Easter Egg Hunt | 11:45 am, Activity Center

Good Friday | April 7

Worship I 6 pm, Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday | April 6

Dinner | 5 pm, Activity Center Worship with Communion | 6 pm, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday | April 9

Outdoor Worship | 9 am, Church Lawn Potluck Breakfast | 10 am, Activity Center Indoor Worship | 11 am, Sanctuary