



Blessing the Dust

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Abide With Me arr. Howard Helvey/adapted J. Moore
Mark Vandersall, Clarinet; Mina Choi, Piano

Call to Worship -from Hymn 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;

all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Litany of Penitence

From *The Book of Common Worship*

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.

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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.

***Sung Response**

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.

***Sung Response**

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

***Sung Response**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways. For our exploration of other people. Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves. Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

***Sung Response**

We have neglected prayer and worship and failed to commend the faith that is in us.

***Sung Response**

Accept our repentance O God, for all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbors and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us. For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

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. Restore us O God, and let your anger depart from us. Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great... through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

(Silence)

First Scripture Lesson: Luke 19:37-40

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 83

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

“Stones”

Pauline Sexton

Special Music

Träumerei

R. Schumann

Mark Vandersall, Clarinet; Mina Choi, Organ

Second Scripture Lesson: Luke 8:40-48

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 68

Reflection

“Ashes”

Becca Bateman

Imposition of Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. 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 everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*(The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the imposition of ashes.
You are invited to receive the ashes on the forehead or the back of your hand.)*

Special Music

You Make Beautiful Things

Gungor

Mina Choi, Piano and Vocal

*Hymn 433

Sign Us with Ashes
verses 2, 3, and 4

PHOENIX

*Concluding Prayer

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.

Depart in Silence

(You are invited to take stones from the baskets at the doorways.)

***Will You Meet Us* — A Blessing for Ash Wednesday by Jan Richardson**

Will you meet us
in the ashes
will you meet us
in the ache
and show your face
within our sorrow
and offer us
your word of grace:

That you are life
within the dying
that you abide within the dust
that you are what
survives the burning
that you arise
to make us new.

And in our aching
you are breathing
and in our weeping
you are here
within the hands
that bear your blessing
enfolding us
within your love.

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