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REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ash Wednesday



Opening:

TLH 140 Jesus I Will Ponder Now vs 1-5

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare Your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: We sinners must confess to You, O Lord, that we have failed to listen and obey Your holy Word. We have sinned in our actions, our words, and our thoughts. We are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

Cf. Isaiah 64:6

C: **God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

Luke 18:13

Hymn of Response **Lord Jesus Christ, My Life [see insert]**

Absolution of Sins

P: Jesus is the atoning Sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. According to His authority, and by His command, I announce to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Harmony Reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

This week's harmony readings:

- **Judas, the Betrayer**
- **A New Commandment**
- **Jesus' Warning and Promise**
- **Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane**

Hymn of response: **TLH 179 On My Heart Imprint Thy Image**

I BELIEVE...

that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: **TLH 149 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

Sermon **2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 ESV**

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6:1 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Who Wants Jesus to Die?

The Father Wants Jesus to Die!

Offertory: **[Tune of TLH 179 On My Heart]**

Let me never, Lord, forsake Thee, E'en tho' bitter pain and strife
On my way shall overtake me; But may I tho' all my life Walk in
fervent love to Thee, In all woes for comfort flee To Thy birth,
Thy death, and Passion Till I see Thy full salvation.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Communion Responsory

P: On the night before He died, Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples;

C: **Jesus is our Passover Lamb.**

P: The Passover Table was set with special food, such as roasted lamb, bitter herbs, wine, and unleavened bread:

C: **Tonight, we receive the very body and blood of our Lord, in, with, and under the bread and wine.**

P: On Passover night, the Old Testament people were to remember how God delivered them from Egypt:

C: **Tonight, we remember how God has delivered us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.**

P: In the Upper Room, the Passover was celebrated for the final time:

C: **Jesus instituted a new Supper to be celebrated for all time.**

P: The blood of the Lamb was originally painted on the doorposts of their homes in Egypt:

C: **The blood of Jesus was painted upon Calvary's cross and cleanses us from all sin.**

P: The blood of the Passover Lamb caused the angel of death to pass over them:

C: **The blood of Jesus was shed so the angel of death would pass over us.**

P: The Passover was a picture of how God would redeem His people:

C: **The body and blood we receive in the Sacrament tonight bring us God's forgiveness and pardon.**

Distribution

Benediction

C Amen.

Hymn:

TLH 558b All Praise to Thee My God This Night

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