



ST. OLAF COLLEGE
BOE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

ASH WEDNESDAY + 17 FEBRUARY 2021 + 10:10 A.M.

Service of Morning Prayer with Imposition of Ashes

Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of prayer that begins the season of Lent. During Lent's forty days we are invited to carry out the Lenten discipline, practices of fasting, prayer and works of love, even as we accompany people around the world who are preparing for baptism at Easter. On this day we may receive the sign of ashes. This ancient symbol of repentance reminds us of our mortality. Returning to God's mercy and grace, marked with the cross of Christ, we make our way through Lent, longing for the baptismal waters of Easter, our spiritual rebirth.

GREETING

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** (gestured & spoken) **And also with you.**

BANISHMENT OF ALLELUIA DURING LENT

Alleluia. Enclose and seal up the word, alleluia. Let it remain in the secret of your heart, alleluia, until the appointed time. You shall say it with great joy when that day comes. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE CONFESSION

- L** Most holy and merciful God, 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.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**

- L** 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.**
- L** Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.
- C** **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

HYMN "Out of the Depths I Cry" (a paraphrase of Psalm 130)

AUS TIEFER NOT

1. Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me call - ing.

In - cline your ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.

Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds. Send me the

grace my spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - ing.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

‘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. ‘So 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. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ‘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. But 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. ‘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. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so 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. ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

1. Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2. Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4. And so the year - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing;
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - for - ter, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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.**

BENEDICTION

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Those who desire to receive ashes may do so on the Boe Chapel Plaza
 between 11:00 am-12:00 pm or 12:30-1:30 pm.*

LEADERS IN THE LITURGY

Matthew Marohl, College Pastor; Katherine Fick, Associate College Pastor;
 James Bobb, Cantor to the Student Congregation; Kristin Kivell, worship assistant

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