

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Create In Me”

LSB 192

**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. Amen**

PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you, one and all.

People: And with you, too, whom God has called.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts to God anew.

People: It's truly good and right to do.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - LSB 621*

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Abide with Me"- LSB 878*

Ash Wednesday

“Life of a Disciple”

+ PREPARATION +

*(Imposition of Ashes at front of Sanctuary –
Also available when we come to nail our sins upon the cross.)*

HYMN *"Go To Dark Gethsemane" – LSB 436*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection, the season of Lent. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times this season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

May our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, richly bless this Lententide for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth. Let us pray.

People: Gracious Father in heaven, when You made all things, You set in motion the seasons and cycles of creation. Be with us now, we pray, during this season which Your Church has set aside for special devotion and repentance. Bless our Lententide so that our special ritual and devotion might not be shallow or empty. Rather, may our self-examination be genuine and our worship be born of true devotion and faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Berea Senior Choir “Red Letters”

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joel 2:12-19

Pastor: "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

Lector: Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity.

People: Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing---grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God.

Lector: Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast.

People: **Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say,**

Pastor: "Spare Your people, O Lord. Do not make Your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "

Lector: Then the Lord will be jealous for His land and take pity on His people. The Lord will reply to them:

Pastor: "I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations."

CONFESSION

People: *(LSB 606)* **I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load. I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains**

Pastor: Let us return to the Lord our God in confession and repentance.

People: **Heavenly Father, we confess our many sins to You. By our very nature, we are sinful human beings who have been condemned by the fall. What is more, we continually sin against You by our thoughts, our words, and our actions.**

Pastor: We confess before You particular sins that are known to us.

Here follows a time of silence for the worshipers to reflect and write on the provided piece of paper a sin with which you struggle. No names please.

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to save us from the condemnation of sin, we humbly beseech You to

People: **forgive us our terrible sins and help us by Your Holy Spirit to live in faith and repentance.**

Pastor: As the ancient Israelites repented of their sin and sat in sackcloth and ashes, we likewise come to You, fully aware that because of sin we are but frail human beings.

We come forward and nail our individual sins to the cross.

People: *(sung)* **I lay my want on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him; He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem. I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares; He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.**

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Hear the Good News of God! Through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, God takes away all our guilt and punishment. By His own command, I declare to you this solemn day, that, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

All: *(sung)* **I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine; His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline. I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, the Lord; Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.**

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 14:32-42

(My Faith Looks Up to Thee – LSB 702)

Being

My Faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

Forgiving

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

Serving

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

Giving

When end's life transient dream, When death's cold sullen stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

Going

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