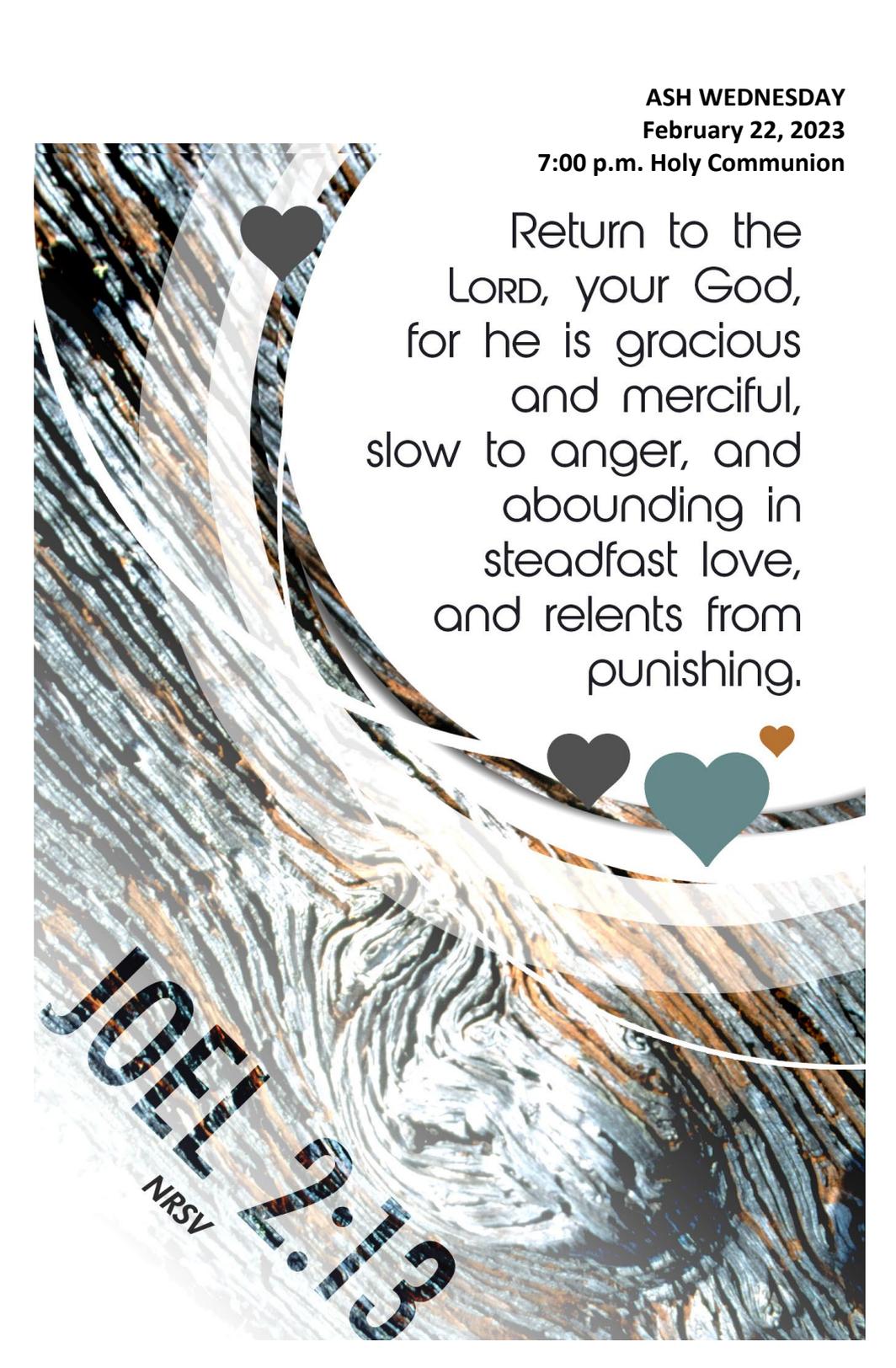


ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion



Return to the
LORD, your God,
for he is gracious
and merciful,
slow to anger, and
abounding in
steadfast love,
and relents from
punishing.



JOEL
NRSV
2:13

ASH WEDNESDAY
The First Day of Lent



February 22, 2023

PRELUDE

Today Your Mercy Calls Us
Setting: F. D. Ashdown

ENTRANCE HYMN #915

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.**

- 2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.**

- 3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.**

**4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.**

ADDRESS TO WORSHIPERS

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

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

LITANY (Kneel)

O Lord,
have mercy.

O Christ,
have mercy.

O Lord,
have mercy.

O Christ,
hear us.

God the Father, in heaven,
have mercy.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy.

Be gracious to us.
Spare us, good Lord.

Be gracious to us.
Help us, good Lord.

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;
by Your holy nativity;
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by Your agony and bloody sweat;
by Your cross and Passion;
by Your precious death and burial;
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death;
and in the day of judgment:
Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners implore You
to hear us, O Lord.

To prosper the preaching of Your Word;
to bless our prayer and meditation;
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;
to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:
We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To draw all to Yourself;
to bless those who are instructed in the faith;
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed,
the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in
need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;
and to have mercy on us all:
We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To turn our hearts to You;
to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and
slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
we implore You to hear us.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace.

O Christ,
hear us.

O Lord,
have mercy.

O Christ,
have mercy.

O Lord,
have mercy. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES (Be seated)

*Those wishing to receive ashes as an acknowledgment of their mortality
and need for repentance should come forward as we are currently doing
for Holy Communion – with pulpit side first, from front pews to back.
Psalm 90 may be read as others come forward.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Stand)

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 Your Son, our Lord,
bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, , our Lord. Amen.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

HOLY ABSOLUTION

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN OF CONFESSION #440 Sts. 1-3, 5 Jesus, I will Ponder Now

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.**

- 2** **Make me see Your great distress,
 Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
 And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
 Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
 Who with thorns had crowned You.**
- 3** **Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
 Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
 And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
 Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
 Of Your crucifixion.**
- 5** **If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
 God must have compassion!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,
**You hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all
who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that
truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of
mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
on God, now and forever. Amen.**



SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (Be seated)

Joel 2:12–19

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD your God?
Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
gather the people.
Consecrate the congregation;
assemble the elders;
gather the children,
even nursing infants.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her chamber.
Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep
and say, “Spare your people, O LORD,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
a byword among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples,
‘Where is their God?’”
Then the LORD became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.
The LORD answered and said to his people,

“Behold, I am sending to you
grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you
a reproach among the nations.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Jubilation Choir Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee
Setting: K. L. Scott

Out of the depths I cry to thee, Lord, my sins bewailing!
Bow down thy gracious ear to me, make thou my prayer availing.
Mark not my misdeeds in thy book, gracious Lord, most holy;
On my sins in mercy look; who can stand before thee?
Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication.
Thou my hope, thou my light, thou my soul’s deliverance.

With thee there is forgiveness, Lord, love and grace abounding.
The greatest thought or deed or word were else but empty
sounding.

All who in thy sight appear come in sinful measure;
All before thee bow in fear seeking thy good pleasure.
Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication.
Thou my hope, thou my light, thou my soul’s deliverance. Amen.

SECOND READING

1 Chronicles 21:1-2, 7-9, 26-27

Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel. So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, “Go, number Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, and bring me a report, that I may know their number.”

But God was displeased with this thing, and he struck Israel. And David said to God, “I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. But now, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly.” And the LORD spoke to Gad, David’s seer, saying, “Go and say to David, ‘Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer you; choose one of them, that I may do it to

you.” So Gad came to David and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, ‘Choose what you will: either three years of famine, or three months of devastation by your foes while the sword of your enemies overtakes you, or else three days of the sword of the LORD, pestilence on the land, with the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.’ Now decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me.” Then David said to Gad, “I am in great distress. Let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is very great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man.”

So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel, and 70,000 men of Israel fell. And God sent the angel to Jerusalem to destroy it, but as he was about to destroy it, the LORD saw, and he relented from the calamity. And he said to the angel who was working destruction, “It is enough; now stay your hand.” And the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. And David said to God, “Was it not I who gave command to number the people? It is I who have sinned and done great evil. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O LORD my God, be against me and against my father’s house. But do not let the plague be on your people.”

Now the angel of the LORD had commanded Gad to say to David that David should go up and raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. So David went up at Gad’s word, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD.

And David built there an altar to the LORD and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings and called on the LORD, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering. Then the LORD commanded the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE (Stand)

from One and All Rejoice

**O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1–6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when 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 when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust

destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON (Be seated)

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus. Amen. Dear friends in Christ:

During this year’s Lenten season, our midweek sermons will focus on the Kings of ancient Judah – particularly as those kings are described in the books of First and Second Chronicles. We’ll start with David, then continue with the kings which the Chronicler presents as (mostly) good.

King David is the great monarch of Israel’s history. He wasn’t the first king—that was Saul. But David established the kingdom and led it to prosperity. He followed the Lord, wrote many psalms, and was called a man after God’s own heart.

But even though he was the archetypical good king of Judah, David was far from perfect. In fact his sins, like his great deeds, are famously large – having far-reaching consequences. Many of you are familiar with his adultery with Bathsheba and subsequent murder of her husband, Uriah. His repentance for these sins was the occasion of that great penitential psalm, Psalm 51: “For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me” (Ps 51:3).

Although forgiven, David’s sin had significant ramifications for the rest of his reign. In particular, it led to the rebellion of his son Absalom, whose attempted coup destabilized the kingdom which David had worked so hard to establish. When a nation experiences turmoil, opportunistic rivals look to press their advantage. David therefore not only had to put down the rebellion, but also fight the Philistines and endure another coup attempt too.

As we can see, David’s reign was in a delicate position. And because of this, David, like any savvy king, wanted to know what his military strength was. He thus ordered a census of his fighting

men, which he believed would give him the information he needed.

And this move might make sense to us, but God looked at it differently. God had commanded David to rely on his help and not the size of his army. God was to be David's strength.

The Chronicler tells us quite clearly that in the ordering of the census, David had been tempted by Satan and given in. Like the king of "four-and-twenty blackbirds" fame counting all his money, David put his trust in the number of soldiers he could count.

You and I can certainly sympathize with David. When we face uncertainty, we tend to first check the bank account to see how those numbers look. And in those times when we don't do this, we're often trusting other things of this world – things like our health, our friends, or our position in social and professional groups. These are our fallbacks. We also look to our political leaders or the economy or our military for comfort and help.

An unauthorized census doesn't seem to be a great moral evil. But God knew that it was. Considering the circumstances, it was a gross violation of the First Commandment. Satan understood this too. And so did Joab, David's top commander, who warned him about the census in verses that we skipped in our reading (v. 3-4).

Even David himself later called it "great evil" (v 17). Indeed, when we lean on our own strength and understanding, it's not simply a faux pas or mistake; it is great evil. Relying on ourselves, our possessions, and the things given to us by God – instead of the God who gave them – is a way of cutting ourselves off from his help – a help we desperately need.

Illustrating the gravity of this great evil is the very great punishment inflicted. We will see throughout this series that the sins of the king were not taken lightly by God. And that's because they were not simply personal matters. Rather, they had national and even worldwide repercussions. We will see throughout Chronicles that the sins of the king are visited on his people.

As for David's punishment, the Lord, through the prophet Gad, offered him three choices of threes: three years of famine, three months of losing war, or three days of pestilence. A price would be paid in blood; what a terrible choice for a king to make! Israel had already endured three years of famine during the days of David, and David knew much war. No matter the choice, the burden of David's sin would fall on his people. The king who began his life as a shepherd had led his people into slaughter when he should have protected them.

Presented with these options, David refused to make the choice. Instead, he submitted himself to God's wrath. He said: "I am in great distress. Let me fall into the hand of the Lord, for his mercy is very great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man" (v 13).

Indeed, there is no better position for the penitent than to put himself at the mercy of God. As the catechism instructs us, "We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment" (SC, Fifth Petition). We pray for mercy and grace not because we deserve them but because our Father has invited us to pray thus.

Still, David, and by extension the people of Israel, had to be reminded that armies and the strength of men come and go as God pleases. So God chose the punishment. And the punishment was very great. Seventy thousand men of Israel were killed by the plague over just a few days. That's approximately twenty thousand more than the number of deaths during the three-day Battle of Gettysburg. After such a loss, David would now be forced to rely on the Lord for the strength of the nation.

The angel then reached Jerusalem, the capital, where more punishment would take place. But at that point the Lord had mercy. "The Lord saw," says the text, "and he relented from the calamity... saying 'It is enough!'" (v 15).

The angel's hand was stayed. Yet David knew that more was required. David pleaded for the people, saying: "Was it not I who

gave command to number the people? It is I who have sinned and done great evil. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O Lord my God, be against me and against my father's house. But do not let the plague be on your people" (v 17).

Through the intervention of the prophet, David was then told to raise an altar to the Lord. So David brought to the threshing floor of Ornan oxen, wood and grain. These offerings were answered by fire from heaven; and the angel sheathed his sword.

We see here that David's choice to throw himself on the mercy of the Lord was wise. While David did not deserve mercy, he received it from the hand of God anyway.

Then David said, "Here shall be the house of the Lord God and here the altar of burnt offering for Israel" (22:1). And with these words he indicated that the site they were on would become the place of the great temple, where blood was shed day after day and year after year for the sins of the people. David's repentance, we see, had a great consequence too.

Still, all the blood of those goats and bulls could not wash away the stain of the people's sin. Nor could sackcloth and ashes cover them either. Israel still depended on the great mercy of God to put away his sword.

That sword could not always be sheathed. More sin would continue to take place, and more lessons would be needed too. David's price of six hundred shekels couldn't repay even his debt, let alone the sin of the world. The great king of Israel, as much good as he had done, was still powerless to stop further destruction.

Israel was thus instructed to wait for a greater king – one who would bring redemption from such destruction.

Jesus, the Son of David, born in David's first city – Bethlehem – was that king.

From his Baptism in the Jordan until he entered Jerusalem on a colt, Jesus ministered to the people as he "took our illnesses and bore our diseases," fulfilling the word of the prophet. (Mt 8:17).

And when he entered Jerusalem, he was lauded as the King of Israel (Jn 12:13).

This righteous King was anointed to bring good news to the poor and free the oppressed. Jesus saw the needs of his people and, like a shepherd, had compassion on them. He fed them out of the abundance of God's grace and gathered them into one flock. Jesus did all this in obedience to God's will and plan. He counted the cost of following the Lord and carried his cross to the end.

Even though he had no sin, Jesus saw that his people had fallen into every kind of sin and transgression. So he went to the cross to pay for that sin. This time the King would die for his people, not vice-versa. The terrible price fell on the shepherd on account of the sheep. Outside Jerusalem, the King of the Judeans hanged for the sins of his people.

But through his sacrifice, Jesus stayed the hand of death that was headed toward us. And he even reversed its course. His innocent body carried our infirmities so that with him we may enter into the true royal city.

When the King rose from the grave, death had lost its power. The Son of David accomplished this by his mighty power, baring his arm as the protector of his people. The cost was great, but the victory was greater.

As for King David, he will always be remembered as a great king too, sinful though he was. The kingdom he established was strong in many ways – especially when it called out to God for mercy.

David's great Son, however, did much more. Jesus is the greatest king – not only of Israel, but of the whole world. His kingship is not based on the might of men, but on the mercy of God. Jesus' heart was set on his people's salvation, and it still is. He is always present to hear our confession and respond in love to our repentance.

David knew to return to the Lord his God. And he knew that a great king, sent from God, would reign someday.

We know these things too.

Therefore with repentant joy, let us go forward in faith – trusting God as our strength in all things. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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HYMN #609 (Stand) Sts. 1, 3, 5, 7 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING (Be seated)

Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. Fellowship Cards help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.

PRAYERS (Kneel or Sit)



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE (Stand)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

COMMUNION (Be seated)

COMMUNION HYMN #628

Your Table I Approach

- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.**
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.**
- 3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.**
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.**

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Stand)

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #437

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For His own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
'Tis all that I can do.

POSTLUDE

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Setting: *Robert Buckley Farlee*

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MIDST:

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