

Thy Will Be Done

A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday: God's Will And God's Promise

Pastor King

P *“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son.” Hebrews 11:17*

P 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.

Stand

Silence for reflection.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P God the Father in heaven,

C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit,

C have mercy.

P Be gracious to us.

C Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us.

C Help us, good Lord.

P 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:

C Help us, good Lord.

P In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death;
and in the day of judgment:

C Help us, good Lord.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

P To prosper the preaching of Your Word;
to bless our prayer and meditation;
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P 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:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To turn our hearts to You;
to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers;

and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy. Amen.

P 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- The ***Imposition of Ashes*** take place at this time. Participants may come forward and receive the sign of the cross on their forehead, traditionally made with ashes from the burnt palms of Palm Sunday. Those imposing the ashes may say “Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return” or another appropriate phrase.

Pastor King

Welcome to Worship

P After the fall of Adam and Eve, God’s word of Promise rang out – He would reclaim His now fallen creation. His Promise, His Covenant, would prevail. De-

spite the scheming of Satan and the failures of mankind, the long-awaited, promised one, the Messiah, would come. Against all odds, through the rolling ages of time, the Promise would be kept. Death would die as the Prince of Life completed the Word of Promise. As a part of that narrative, tonight we consider “Abraham and Isaac: God’s Will and God’s Promise.”

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Pastor Perez

Invocation

PIn the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

Confession and Absolution

PAbraham has a pretty comfortable life with God. Sure, he had his challenges, his skeletons in his closet, but life seems good, his faith walk is stable. The Promise of God feels secure and he can see it in action. But then, all of a sudden, the rug is pulled out from under him. Everything he thought he knew changed. The God of clear promise has become, to Abraham, the God who is hard to understand.

Together, let us make public confession of our sins.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against you. I have done that which you forbid, and I have failed to do that which you command. In the weariness of a busy life, I have yielded to temptation. I have trusted myself more than I have trusted you. I have not always followed where you lead. Forgive me, I pray. By your Holy Spirit, lead me and guide me so that I may truly be used by you in your great redemptive work on earth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

P Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! (Psalm 130:1-2)

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570 st. 1

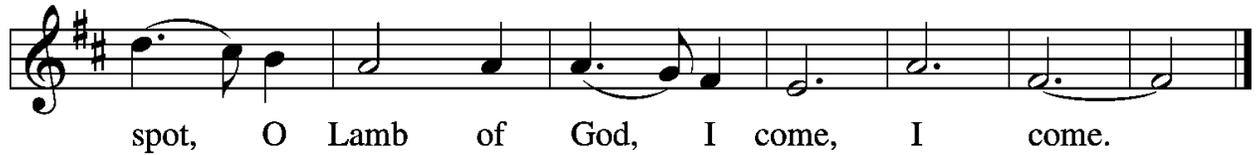
1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

P If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. (Psalm 130:3-4)

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570 st. 2

2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each



PI wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. (Psalm 130:5)

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570 st. 3

3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PMy soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. (Psalm 130:6)

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570 st. 5

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PO Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love; with him there is plenteous redemption. (Psalm 130:7)

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570 st. 6



6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

(silence for personal confession)

PAs you believe, so may it be unto you. Based upon the merits of Christ Jesus, I proclaim unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor Perez

Prayer of the Day

PHeavenly Father, I admit there are times when your will seems confusing to me, times when my experience says there is no God of grace, no God of power, no God at all. When it feels like you are absent, shape my trust in your promises, that I might rely on your Word even when my world is impossible to understand. In times of testing, let your will be done in my life. Amen.

Pastor Perez

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 25:6-9

POn this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Pastor Perez

New Testament Reading, Hebrews 11:8-19

PBy faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to

receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Pastor Perez

Gospel Reading, Matthew 22:29-33

[P] But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living." And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

Pastor King

Sermon

"Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Handbells

Offering *(To be taken during anthem)*

Pastor Perez

Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

PSon of God, by sinners slain,

Clet your sacrifice for us free us to live for you.

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PGod of ancient days, thank you for showing us your plan of salvation through Abraham and Isaac, and for giving us examples through them of people who trusted in your promises and your will for their lives. Help us to see your plan to save us through the sacrifice of your Son and help us to find comfort and confidence in your will for us. Son of God, by sinners slain,

Clet your sacrifice for us free us to live for you.

PIn this Lenten season, Lord, keep us focused on the cross of Christ and remember the magnitude of your love that allowed him to leave the throne of heaven to face suffering and death for us, your people of the promise and blessing. Son of God, by sinners slain,

Clet your sacrifice for us free us to live for you.

PHeavenly Father, when doubts and fears arise in our hearts as we ponder what the future holds, help us to remember that you hold the future in your hands, and we are safe in your care in this life and in the life to come. Son of God, by sinners slain,

Clet your sacrifice for us free us to live for you.

PLet us come to your altar often this Lent, dear God, ready to confess our sins to you and receive your renewal through your forgiveness. Let our worship honor and praise you throughout the season, as we humbly acknowledge that we are solely dependent on you for all things. Son of God, by sinners slain,

Clet your sacrifice for us free us to live for you.

PWe know that Isaac's name means laughter, O Lord. And Sarah did laugh at the thought of bearing a child in her old age. Help us enjoy the surprises of life you allow to happen to accomplish your grand design for the family of God. Fill us with a holy joy that embraces the fact that nothing is impossible for you. Son of God, by sinners slain,

Clet your sacrifice for us free us to live for you.

PIn every season and phase of life, we experience new challenges to our faith. Help us never to abandon you when the going gets tough, and help us to gain strength through your Word, May our faith grow deeper as we ponder your promises in Scripture, and may we never forget that you are always with us and always guiding us, and will provide us with ways out when we are not following your will. Son of God, by sinners slain,

Clet your sacrifice for us free us to live for you.

PGrant to all those who are dealing with sickness and injury of body, mind and spirit to look to you for help, as Abraham did, especially ... Give them a sense of hope and peace that you will bring blessings to them even now through these trying experiences and that your name be glorified and your will be done in every circumstance. Son of God, by sinners slain,

Clet your sacrifice for us free us to live for you.

PAll these petitions we offer in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who did the will of God and lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Service of the Sacrament

Pastor King

Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

LSB 179

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.
- C** Amen.

Pax Domini

LSB 180

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Distribution

610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 610



- 1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
- 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
- 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
- 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
- 5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

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421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421



- 1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
- 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
- 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp-
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
wound-ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

- 5 O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

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Nunc Dimittis

A "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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