

Holy Week Services 2012

Palm Sunday, April 1

8:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m

Maundy Thursday, April 5

7:00 p.m. - Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Paraments

Good Friday, April 6

12:00 noon - A Penitential Service

Easter Day, April 8

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Participants in Today's Service

The Rev. Ms. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Community Ministries
The Rev. Ms. Bobbie Epting, Associate Pastor, Stewardship & Development
The Rev. Ms. Lucy Turner, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care and Counseling
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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2012

12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE - "Variations on WONDROUS LOVE" Samuel Barber

GATHERING PRAYER FOR REPENTANCE Rev. Epting

All: Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession)

KYRIE ELEISON *(All Singing)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We read of God's mercy: "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin." *(II Chronicles 7:14)*

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* HYMN 81 - "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (Pew Bible, p. NT5)

SECOND LESSON - Psalm 51:1-17 (Pew Bible, p. OT520).....Rev. Turner

* HYMN 85 - "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

MESSAGE - "Laundry Day" Rev. Turner

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Leader: 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.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not listened 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.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

People: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Rev. Clayton

PRAYER FOR THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

All: Gracious God, Who formed us from the dust of the earth and breathes into us the breath of life, it is by your gift alone that we know life and life eternal. Grant that these ashes, the dust of once-joyful palms, may remind us of our mortality and call us again to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those who desire, the imposition of Ashes will be placed either on the forehead or back of the hand as you come forward for communion.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

* 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 Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* HYMN 76 - “My Song Is Love Unknown” LOVE UNKNOWN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - “Voluntary on ST. FLAVIAN”Healey Willan

* *Congregation standing*

Announcements

NOTE ABOUT COMMUNION: We will receive communion by intinction. This is one of several traditional ways of participating in the sacrament. It simply involves receiving a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. The congregation will go to the front row by row and approach the chancel area where a minister and an elder will have the bread and the cup for you. After taking communion, you may return to your seat by the side aisles. The Imposition of Ashes station will be in the center.