



NORTHDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH TAMPA, FL FEBRUARY 17, 2021

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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

# **Ash Wednesday**

Welcome to Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:

Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.



- Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.
- Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.

#### Instruction for Lent

God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our fellow man, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us.

By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire for us to come under his judgment, but turn to him and live.

Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the Law, to suffer for us, and die the death that we deserve.

During these 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who endured the cross scorning its shame, yet who conquered death only to sit down at the right hand of the Father.

The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know his sufferings becoming like him in his death.

Therefore, we begin this evening with our confession of sins and turn to our Savior for his mercy.

#### **Our Confession**

P: We confess to you, our God, this night that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

P: We confess all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

C: Have mercy on us, O Christ.

P: We confess our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our manipulation of other people.

C: Have mercy on us, blessed Savior.

P: For our anger when our selfish aims are denied, and for our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

C: Have mercy on us, O Jesus.

P: For our love of worldly comforts and for our dishonesty in our daily work and life.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

P: For our blindness to human need and suffering, for our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

C: Have mercy on us, O Christ.

P: For our negligence in worship and prayer, for our failure to show the faith that is in us.

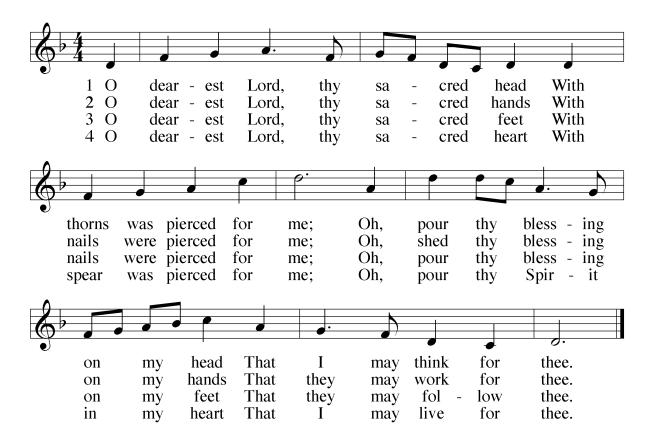
C: Have mercy on us, blessed Savior.

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger and condemnation depart from us.

C: Hear us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.



HYMN, CW 118, "O DEAREST LORD THY SACRED HEAD"



Text: Henry E. Hardy, 1869–1946, alt. From The Book of Common Praise.

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Tune: DETROIT (CM) A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony, Harrisonburg, 1820.

PLEASE STAND

## **The Passion History Reading**

(Taken from the 4 Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)



# Jesus' Readiness To Suffer And Die

Now the feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples, "As you know, the Passover is two days away and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the High Priest, whose name was Caiaphas. They plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. "But not during the feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the twelve. Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. They were delighted and agreed to give him money. Judas asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They counted out for him thirty silver coins. He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

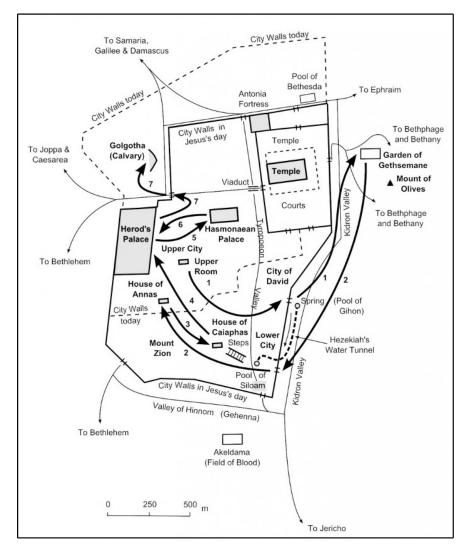
On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus sent two of his disciples, Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

He replied, "Go into the city. As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher says, my appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house. Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So the disciples did as Jesus directed them and prepared the Passover.

In the evening at the proper hour, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you



before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat of it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

A dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be the greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them are given the title Benefactor. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater? The one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the

table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging

the twelve tribes of Israel."

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciple's feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that is why he said not everyone was clean. Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

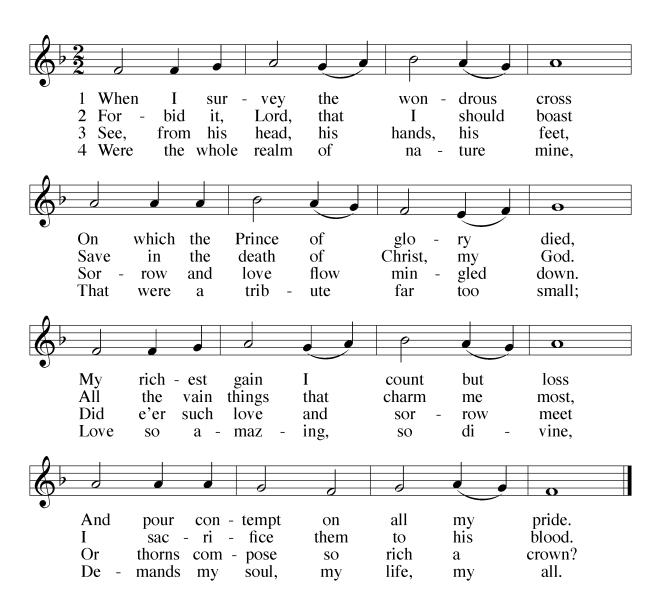
No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well."

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Once you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Jesus took the cup gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you that I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine from now until the day I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom. I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the Scripture: 'He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.' I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am he. I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

#### Sermon Text: Matthew 26:69-75

Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

<sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

<sup>71</sup>Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

<sup>72</sup>He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

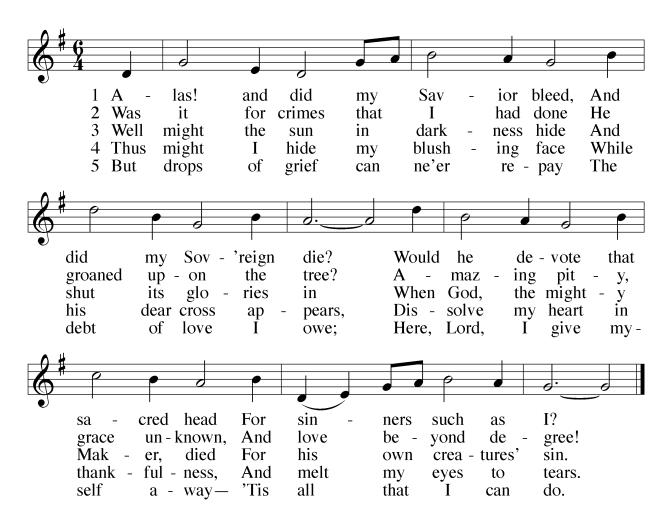
<sup>73</sup>After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away."

<sup>74</sup>Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly. (NIV)

### **Sermon Theme:**

# **Healed By Jesus' Wounds**



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: MARTYRDOM (CM) Hugh Wilson, c. 1766–1824.

#### **OFFERING**

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2). You can go to <a href="https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online">https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online</a>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

If electronic giving isn't for you, you are invited to drop off or mail your offerings to the church.

The Lord's Supper Institution & Distribution

**Closing Prayer & Blessing** 

## Closing Hymn, CW #588, vs 1,2,5,7 "Abide With Me"

- 1 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away. Change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me!
- 5 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!
- 7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

# **Kids Page**



