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Ash Wednesday

The service begins in silence at the ringing of the bell. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a season in which we focus on how our sins sent Jesus to the cross, and His death on the cross is forgiveness for those sins. Absolution is the most important factor in this service. As such, we have an opportunity to come to the altar to have that forgiveness personally applied after we confess our sins.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Psalm Of Repentance: Psalm 51:1-3, 6-12, 17

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

P: according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

C: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

C: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

P: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

C: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

P: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

C: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

C: 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.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Exhortation

P: Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with Him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of His creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under His judgment, but to turn to Him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, self-denial, prayer, and works of love--the disciplines of Lent--help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

(A time for reflection and self-examination)

Confession

P: Most holy and merciful Father:

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We have been deaf 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.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We confess to You, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

C: we confess to You, Lord.

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

C: we confess to You, Lord.

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

C: we confess to You, Lord.

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

C: we confess to You, Lord.

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

C: we confess to You, Lord.

P: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C: accept our repentance, Lord.

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

C: accept our repentance, Lord.

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

C: accept our repentance, Lord.

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

C: Hear us, Lord, for Your mercy is great. Amen.

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation,

C: that we may show forth Your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and Passion of Your Son, our Lord,

C: bring us with all Your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Absolution

P: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... (*collect for Ash Wednesday*) ... Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(be seated)

Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:12-19

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Prayer of the Church

P: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us the blessing of Your Holy Spirit as we start upon the Lenten path.

C: Lead us in our reflection and meditation on Your Word.

P: Lead us to be truly repentant for our sinful living.

C: Help us to withstand the temptations of this life, the worries of the day, and those busy activities which would draw us away from You.

P: Restore in us responsibility toward those in need.

C: Renew our efforts at witnessing to all around us.

P: Reveal to us Your boundless grace in the cross.

C: Lead us throughout these 40 days--and all our life beyond--upon that path where You would have us go. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation

P: Remember these things, O Jacob,

C: and Israel, for you are my servant.

P: I formed you, you are My servant.

C: O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me.

P: I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,

C: and your sins like a mist.

P: Return to Me,

C: for I have redeemed you.

P: Indeed, under the Law

C: almost everything is purified with blood.

P: And without the shedding of blood

C: there is no forgiveness of sins.

P: For our sake, God made Him to be sin

C: who knew no sin,

P: so that in Him,

C: we might become the righteousness of God.

P: The blood of Jesus His Son

C: cleanses us from all sin.

P: To Him who loves us

C: and has freed us from our sins by His blood,

P: and made us a kingdom,

C: priests to His God and Father,

P: to Him be glory and dominion,

C: forever and ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, Who art in heaven...

Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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Announcements #1

The church council will meet on Wednesday, February 25th, at 6:30 in the fellowship hall.

A NEW LENTEN PRACTICE: Pastor McPike will be presenting Lenten devotions readings from the "Passion History drawn from the Four Gospels" that we used to read on Lent Midweek Wednesday evening services. These will appear as "sermon" files on the church website (osmanlutheran.org) starting the week of February 23. They will be posted by Wednesday of that week.

About the Paraments – The color of the paraments and pastor's vestments changes with the season of the church year. Like everything else in the church, color has meaning. This past Sunday, paraments were white. Transfiguration, the last Sunday after the Epiphany, recalls and celebrates a time when Jesus' glory shone brightly as the sun, so much so that the disciples present could hardly look at Him. The color of paraments for Ash Wednesday is either purple (like the rest of the Lenten Season) or black. Here at Osman, we have paraments that are a unique use of black. Black is "carried" by burlap, or "sackcloth." "Sackcloth and Ashes" were commonly used to characterize sorrow in Bible times. In this case, sorrow over our sins that caused Jesus to have to come to this earth and eventually die a horrible death on the cross to pay for our sinfulness. "Sackcloth" (burlap) "carries" the color black as a reminder of the darkness caused by sin. Pastor McPike first saw paraments of burlap and black while a student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, and then encouraged churches he served, including his first church in Norfolk, Nebraska, and also here at Osman, to make such paraments. To this day, these are the

only places he has seen this sort of covering for Ash Wednesday; they seem not to be offered by any store which makes or sells paraments.

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The Stewardship Committee will be sponsoring a benefit soup supper in March. This is a change from having one in the fall which becomes a very busy time of the year with harvesting. If you have any ideas for a worthy recipient, please contact Dwight and Terri Hooker or Brenda Hendricks. The planning and advertising will need to begin soon!

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