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ASH WEDNESDAY

JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW- HYMN# 98 vv. 1-4

Pastor: In the name of The Father, and of The Son(†), and of The Holy Spirit!

Assembly: Amen!

P: Let us pray. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies,

Assembly: Blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions,

Assembly: And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight.

P: That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Assembly: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

P: Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

Assembly: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness,

P: That the bones You have broken may rejoice!

Assembly: Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence,

Assembly: And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.

Assembly: Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my Salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness!

P: O Lord, open my lips,

Assembly: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise!

P: For You do not desire sacrifice,

Assembly: Or else I would give it.

P: You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit!

Assembly: A broken and a contrite heart, these, O God, You will not despise. Amen.

P: The sacrifices of God, are indeed a broken and a contrite heart over our sins wrong words, and evil actions. When we confess, God forgives. Your sins (†) are forgiven. Depart in peace.

Assembly: Amen.

JESUS, I WILL PONDER, NOW- HYMN# 98 vv. 5&6

INSTRUCTION FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

SEASONAL RESPONSE

All: He was wounded for our transgressions.

He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we, like sheep, have gone astray. We have turned, everyone, to his own way, and The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. -Isaiah 53:5,6

“There Is A Fountain” –Siloah’s Senior Choir

Luke 22:47-53

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd appeared, and the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He came near to Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, “Lord, should we strike with a sword?” Then one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus responded, “Stop! No more of this!” Then he touched the servant’s ear and healed him. Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as you would against a robber, with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour—when darkness rules.”

GOD ON TRIAL: Restraint!

SILOAH'S LENTEN CREED

All: I believe in God, The Father, Almighty, Who created Heaven, Earth, and all things. In order to save the world, He allowed His only Son to die on the cross.

I believe in Jesus, The Father's only-begotten Son, Who was conceived by The Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. Even though He lived an absolutely sinless life, He was subjected to ridicule, pain and suffering—for me and all people. He was crucified under Pontius Pilate and died on the cross. He descended into Hell to proclaim His victory over the Devil, Sin, and Death. On Resurrection Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead and forty days later, ascended into Heaven. He will return to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in The Holy Spirit, Who creates and sustains faith in my heart, and in the hearts of all believers. Through Word and Sacraments, The Holy Spirit will keep me, and all believers in a good and right relationship with God. I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. I gladly share my faith with others and joyfully await eternal life which God has prepared for me and all those who love Him! This is most certainly true.

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"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" -Hymn# 129

THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: What is The Lord's Supper?

Assembly: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given for us to eat and to drink.

Pastor: How can eating and drinking this bread and wine be so beneficial?

Assembly: The power is not in the bread and wine, but in the words of Jesus: "This is My body! This is My blood!"

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord God, King of the Universe! You have given Your Church, the body and blood of Jesus to eat and to drink!

Assembly: Nourish our souls with this spiritual food.

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord God, King of the Universe! You gave up Your life for us on the cross!

Assembly: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death until You return.

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord God, King of the Universe! You have called us by The Gospel and made us alive in Christ!

Assembly: Once we were dead in transgressions and sins, but now we live for The Lord.

Pastor: Glory be to The Father, and to The Son, and to The Holy Spirit: Who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we ask or think, to Him be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end!

Assembly: Amen.

“Feed Your Children, God Most Holy”

JESUS’ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of The Lord be with you all.

Assembly: And also with you! Amen.

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

“Take and Eat” –Siloah’s Senior Choir

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: We thank You, Lord God, for refreshing our souls in this Sacrament. Be with us these forty days of Lent and help us to gain insight into the sufferings and love of our Savior, Who was placed on trial for us. Give us the determination to follow Him now and always. Hear our prayer and grant us Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and The Holy Spirit: One God, now and forever.

Assembly: Amen.

Pastor: May God’s angels travel with you as you leave your Father’s house.

May God’s Spirit live in you and work through you.

May God’s grace be yours, now and throughout the week.

Assembly: Amen.

“Before the Ending of the Day” -Hymn# 595