

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE: ASH WEDNESDAY—March 2, 2022—VESPERS—P. 229

Hymn: LSB—418—“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” We read v. 1 & 2

1. “O Lord, throughout these forty days—You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.
2. You strove with Satan, and You won;—Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust—In God’s eternal Word.”

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O god, to deliver me.

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

All: Glory to to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. All: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

--Ps. 51: 1-13—together:

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love, according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that you may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. 5. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. 7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. 9. Hide You face from my sins, and blow out all my iniquities. 10. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11. Cast me not from your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. 12. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. 13. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

--Readings: Joel 2: 12-18

2 Cor. 5:20b—6:10

Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-21

--Responsory for Lent:

P: Deliver me, O Lord my God, for You are the God of my salvation----**C: Response**—below

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God----**C: Response**

P: Deliver me, o Lord my God, for You are the God of my salvation---**C: Response**

C: Response: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

--Devotion: Psalm 51----“David’s Guilt and Plea”

--Apostle’s Creed.

--Kyrie—All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy. ---- The Lord’s Prayer.

--P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

--Prayers and Collect for Peace—All: O God, from Whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

--P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Benediction.

--Hymn LSB—418—Read Together:

3. Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed—and fixed Your mind above.
So teach us to deny ourselves, since we have known God’s love.
4. Be with us through this season, Lord—And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns—We join in heaven’s praise.