



# ASH WEDNESDAY

**February 17, 2021**

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Worship Service—7:00 p.m.**

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# Places of the Passion

## Ash Wednesday: The City of Jerusalem

*See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes.  
Matthew 20:18*

### **\*Invocation and Call to Worship**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

**C: To see the depths of his love.**

P: To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

**C: To gaze upon the heights of his grace.**

P: To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

**C: We walk with Jesus to the City of Jerusalem.**

P: Because Passover is coming.

**C: And the Son of Man will be crucified.**

P: Faithful Lord, with me abide.

**C: I shall follow where you guide!**

**HYMN.....*Let us ever walk with Jesus* .....ELW 802**

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading,  
trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
that to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, you are now our head,  
we are your own living members;  
where you live, there we shall be  
in your presence constantly,  
living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be;  
life eternal grant to me.

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Magnificent and merciful Father, because I walk into dark and dangerous places, hear me as I confess my sins.

**C: My feet take me to places of compromise and sinful ambition.**

P: My heart lingers in places of lust and lies.

**C: My words take me to places of anger, rage and hatred.**

P: My ears delight in going to places of gossip, deceit and ridicule.

**C: My mind takes me to places of selfishness and pride.**

P: My eyes lead me to places of envy and greed.

**C: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ’s love is greater.)*

P: Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha, and Golgotha—for you. That’s why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

**C: I shall follow where you guide!**

**Imposition of Ashes – Remember from Dust you came and to Dust you shall return.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty and everlasting God, send forth your Holy Spirit that this Lent we may ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading ... Exodus 12:1–13

Epistle Readings ... 1 Corinthians 5:6–8

Gospel Reading ... Matthew 26:1–5

**Sermon.....Pastor Phil Beck**

**HYMN.....*Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*.....ELW 321**

1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.

2 So daily dying to the way of self,  
so daily living to your way of love,  
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,  
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:  
so we are dead and live with you in God.

## **Prayers**

**P:** Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray. Jesus, you will finally deliver us from every storm so we lift our prayers and raise our petitions to you.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** Deliver us from pride and arrogance, lest we fail to acknowledge our sins and confess them.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** Deliver the world from the enemies of peace and from injustice and give us good and faithful leaders to protect the unborn and promote virtue.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** Deliver the erring from their darkness, the doubting from their uncertainty, and the wandering from ways, and return them to you.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** Deliver us from the terror of death and the grave.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** Deliver us from selfish desire, from the tyranny of things, and from the wasteful use of the resources you have entrusted to our care.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** Deliver us from ingratitude for all your mercies and restore our hearts to hope and joy.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** Jesus, deliver us and bring us to the table of your body and blood.

**C: Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW, p.152)

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*The Preface:**

P: "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Amen**

*Communion will be distributed as we depart the sanctuary*

\*P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**\*Communion Prayer:**

P: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

P: Jesus invites us to walk with him to Jerusalem, a place of great suffering and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

**C: Let us ever walk with Jesus!**

**HYMN.....*Restore in Us, O God*.....ELW 328**

1 Restore in us, O God,  
the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.

4 Three-personed God, fulfill  
the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends,  
may see you face to face.

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***\*Please Stand as you are able***



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