

Worship Participants

Pastors: Rev. Bob W. David + Rev. Kyle R. Otterbein

Music Participants: Matthew Penning, piano + organ; Beth Hill, flute

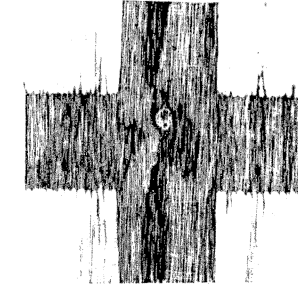
Announcements

- Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.
- Children's worship bags are available in the Narthex as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Nursery care is provided for 2-year-olds and younger during worship.
- Seating, sound, and worship hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Large print hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.
- Join us for Christian Education for all ages Sundays at 9:45 am:
Children ages 2 - kindergarten meet in the east wing. Children in grades 1-6 meet in Fellowship Hall.
Adults and Youth in grades 7-12 meet in classrooms in the north wing.
- Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew?
Our weekly *Mini-Messenger* and monthly *Messenger* newsletters are available online at: www.saintandrew-ic.org (under the "News" heading) or in paper version in the rack near the Welcome Table and on the table outside the main office.

Remove the Mask :: Turn Your Heart to God

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17, 2010 ♦ 7:00 AM, 12:00 + 5:30 PM



The first day of the Lenten season reminds us of two things, as seen in this simple wooden cross. Suggested first is the ruggedness and earthiness of our sinfulness, our need for salvation, and the suffering and death of Christ on our behalf. Second, the ash from last year's palms, symbolized by the mark on this cross, reminds us not only of death but of the victory and joy of new life found in Christ. Penitence and mourning arise to hope, peace, and rest.

✝ Gathering

Hymns and songs may be found in Sing! A New Creation hymnal (green).

Greeting

The peace and reconciliation of the merciful God be with you.
And also with you.

Introduction

Opening Prayer

Let us pray that this Lent we may become more faithful to the gospel and ways of Jesus Christ.

time for silent prayer

God of life and bringer of mercy, you want all your daughters and sons to be free and to live as your holy people. In this time of Lent we pray - set us free from the shackles of our selfish concerns for honor and power, possessions and pleasure. And allow us to live a life unmasked in the joy of your Son Jesus and in the service of your people. In honor of you, living God, we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song

Take, O Take Me As I Am *green*, #215

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*Bold print - speak together in unison
please stand as you are able

✝ Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Joel 2:12-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OT Bible, pg. 847

Sung Response

Take, O Take Me As I Am *green, #215*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51 (portions)

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

Be merciful, O Lord, for I have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always:

"Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight."

Be merciful, O Lord, for I have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Be merciful, O Lord, for I have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.

And O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Be merciful, O Lord, for I have sinned.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung Response

Take, O Take Me As I Am *green, #215*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NT Bible, pg. 5

Sung Response

Take, O Take Me As I Am *green, #215*

✝ The Ashes

Words of Introduction

Prayer of Blessing

Bless these ashes, Lord, and may they be for us a sign of our conversion, our turning,

a symbol this day that we want to discover anew the truth of your Son, Jesus . . .

Discover Jesus anew as he unmask our deceptions, peels away our defenses,

and reveals that we were created from dust, in God's image, and we are called to know of

God's boundless love for us, and share that bountiful love with our neighbors. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Through the love of the cross, Christ has removed your sin.

Amen.

Responsive Prayer

Let us bring before God our cares and the needs of all, and let us say:

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

For the Church of Jesus Christ, that it may be freed from shortcomings so that it can show to all the power and love of the gospel:

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

For people far and near who are stuck in sin and discouragement, that they may find reconciliation with God, with themselves, and with the people around them:

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

For those hardened by riches or power and insensitive to the needs of others, that in these forty days of unmasking they may discover ways of true happiness through generosity to their neighbor:

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

For all those who bear a heavy load of suffering and cares, that they may with courage follow the way of the Lord Jesus, even through the valley of shadows:

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

For one another, that each of us may be ready to go the way of peace and reconciliation, of service and commitment:

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

Lord our God, every year you give us special opportunities to grow in love of you and our neighbor.

Give us the strength to live these forty days of Lent in the spirit of Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

✝ Sending

*Closing Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *green #77*

*Benediction

*The Peace/Time of Greeting

The grace, love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet your neighbors with, "The peace of Christ be with you." Responding with, "And also with you."