

Ash Wednesday



February 14, 2024

*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination)

Holy God,

All: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

A: Amen

*** Please stand as you are able ***

MUSIC

Bless Now, O God, The Journey

#326

Verse 1

Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.

The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.



Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

*Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Dick Mero
Martha Krueger*

*Dolores Narey
Julie Aulwes
Deb Olson
Trish Hambrick
JoAnn White
Maggie Johnsrud
Joe Balzer*

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.

You are welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are at the prayer wall.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lenten Worship** - Join us on Sundays at 9:30 am throughout the Lenten season as we explore stories of wilderness and of the God who meets us there.
- **Painted Prayer Art Exhibit** - Stop by the Cross of Glory art gallery (located between the sanctuary and offices) to see our next Lenten exhibit, titled "Painted Prayer." In addition to the prayer practices we'll be engaging in our worship life, this art exhibit invites us to explore the ways that prayer sustains us in the wilderness.
- **Welcoming Guest Preacher on Sunday** - We're excited to welcome Rev. Peter Schattauer this Sunday, Feb 18. Pastor Peter serves as Associate Director of the Lutheran Center for Faith, Values and Community at St. Olaf College. If you need emergency pastoral care while Pastor Ali is away (Feb 17-21), please contact the office to be connected with an on-call pastor. .
- **Upcoming Neighborhood Listening Session** - As we discern what God's call to life together means for our space, we're hearing from neighbors throughout Brooklyn Center about their hopes and dreams for our community. Join us Wed, Feb 21 from 5:30-6:30 pm as we hear this month from those who work along the Brooklyn Blvd corridor. As always, good food is provided. RSVP to Isak by Feb 19 if you plan to take part.
- **Visitation** - If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know.
- **Want to Know More About COG?** - We're so glad you're worshiping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

Verse 2

Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns
through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

*** Please be seated ***

LESSON

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Verse 3

Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

Psalm 51:1-17

Do not cast me away from your presence,
 and do not take your holy spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and sustain in me a willing spirit.
 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
 and sinners will return to you.
 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
 O God of my salvation,
 and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
 O Lord, open my lips,
 and my mouth will declare your praise.
 For you have no delight in sacrifice;
 if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.
 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC	Create In Me	Becker/Edwards
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Verse 1		After Yours, after Yours.
A sacrifice pleasing to God		Create in me a new heart
Is a broken spirit.		After Yours, after Yours,
You'll not despise a humble heart.		My Lord.
You will hold and heal it.		Verse 2
Pre-Chorus		Come purify and I will be clean.
Renew, restore,		Wash away all my shame.
Remember me my Lord.		O, let me hear gladness and joy.
Chorus		Let my mouth sing Your praise.
Create in me a new heart		

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

Gracious God, you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us out of love and for love. Create us in new and loving hearts,

MUSIC

Dona Nobis Pacem

#753

(sung in a three part round)

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.
 Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem.
 Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem. *(Repeat)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God goes with us into the wilderness.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Josh Day and Gayle Merritt

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Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

*** Please be seated ***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: God of grace:

(Sung response between petitions: Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer ELW 751)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come, and listen to me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*** Please stand as you are able ***

BLESSING

P: People of God,

you are dust,

and you are beloved.

May God's breath continue to breathe in you,

and love you back to life,

again and again.

As we enter the wilderness,

may God bless you and keep you,

shower you with mercy,

fill you with courage,

and † give you peace.

A: Amen.

O God, that truly repenting of our sins, we may receive your abundant mercy and forgiveness, through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

#777

Verse 1

"Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give.

If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live."

Refrain

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.

Verse 3

"Come to me, believers burdened;
find refreshment in this place.

Come, receive the gift I offer,
turn to me and seek my face."

Refrain

Verse 4

"Come to me, repentant sinners;
leave behind your guilt and shame.

Come and know divine compassion,
turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Verse 5

"Come to me,
distressed and needy;

I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,

come, your open hands extend."
Refrain

LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings,

imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

His Mercy is More

Papa / Boswell

Verse 1

What love could remember no
wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without
bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many;
His mercy is more.

Chorus

Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness,
new every morn.
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Verse 2

What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender
is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

Verse 3

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment.
His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we
could never afford.
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

LESSON

Genesis 2:4-7

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man

from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Beautiful Things

Gungor

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those wishing to receive ashes are invited to come forward when an usher dismisses your row. For those wishing to receive a blessing only, you may come forward and cross your arms across your chest. For those who would like an assistant to come to their pew for the imposition of ashes, simply cue an usher.

Pastor: You are dust and to dust you shall return.

MUSIC DURING ASHES

Noon service: Instrumental music

6:30 service: Dust and Ashes

Cross of Glory Choir

*** Please stand as you are able ***

CONFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**