



A Service of **WORSHIP & COMMUNION**
on **ASH WEDNESDAY**
FEBRUARY 17, 2021 • 6:30 PM
WEST END PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP ON ASH WEDNESDAY

*"Your dear Son did not ascend to joy
until He first suffered pain,
and did not enter into glory
before He was crucified.
Mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the Cross,
may find it as the true Way
of Life and Peace."*

William Reed Huntington

Tonight's communion service marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It marks a season of preparation, preceding the celebration of Easter, in which we focus on repentance.

To repent means to make a God-centered change in our attitudes, words, and living. As sixteenth-century reformer Martin Luther taught, the whole Christian life is a life of repentance. Beginning when we first trust Christ, and continuing throughout our lives, the Holy Spirit enables us more and more to turn away from sin and self-centeredness, and toward our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This service will be an opportunity to worship God in light of the grace He gives in enabling His people to repent and trust Christ alone.

In this next hour, give the Savior glory: meditate on your mortality, long to be conformed to Christ's likeness, and remember with confidence and gratitude that Jesus has conquered sin and death. By these, we testify to the power and beauty of our union with Christ and to the daily dying and rising in which He leads His people.

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Heidelberg Catechism 88-90

Genuine repentance involves two things:

**the dying-away of the old self
and the coming-to-life of the new.**

**The dying-away of the old self
is to be genuinely sorry for sin,
to hate it more and more,
and to run away from it.**

**The coming-to-life of the new self
is wholehearted joy in God through Christ
and a delight to do every kind of good
as God wants us to.**

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.
Genesis 3:19

He remembers that we are dust.
Psalms 103:14

Consider yourself dead to sin
and alive to God in Jesus Christ.
Romans 6:11

NONE OTHER LAMB

None other Lamb, none other Name
other Hope in Heaven or sea
No hiding place from guilt and shame
None beside thee, none beside thee

My faith burns low, my hope burns low
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe
Cries out to thee, cries out to thee...

*All who labor
And are heavy laden
Come unto me
And I will give you rest*

Lord, Thou art life, though I be dead
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be
Nor heav'n have I, no place for my head
No home, but thee; no home but thee...

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29
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SCRIPTURE READING [CHRISTINE MOROBE]

Isaiah 58:1-12

“Cry aloud; do not hold back;
lift up your voice like a trumpet;
declare to my people their transgression,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet they seek me daily
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that did righteousness
and did not forsake the judgment of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they delight to draw near to God.
“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no
knowledge of it?
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the Lord?
“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.
And the Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.

And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in.”

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

God be merciful to me
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me make me pure within
Cleanse O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just
Speechless I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born of sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure Thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice
From my sins O hide Thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God my heart renew
Make my Spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart
Steadfast make my willing heart

Psalm 51

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SERMON

Luke 9:23

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Luke 22:7-8, 14-20, 29-30

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

CONFESSION of SIN

adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

**Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to You, before one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You
with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been
forgiven.**

We repent before You, Lord.

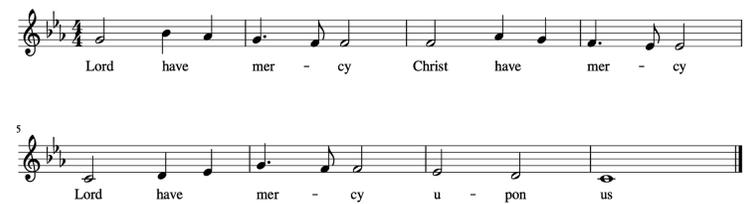
Restore us, good Lord.

Hear us, for Your mercy is great.

**Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation,
That we may show forth Your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of Your Son
our Lord, Jesus Christ,
Bring us, with all Your saints,
into the joy of His resurrection.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.



"God, have mercy on me, a sinner" Luke 18:13
Becca Wethered, Lent 2021.

WORDS of ENCOURAGEMENT

Titus 3:3-7

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel, to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us.

Please come forward as you are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper individually, with a friend, or as a family. Feel free to take additional elements to bring back to your seats to serve others in your family or group. After all are served and have returned to their seats, we will take the bread and the cup together as a congregation.

Wine and gluten free bread are in the double-cups. Grape juice and a wheat flour wafer are in the pre-packaged cups.

The Elders presiding over the Supper today are gloved and masked, standing at a safe distance from each communion

table. Know that they are praying for you as the congregation participates in the sacrament.

If you need special assistance and are not able to come forward for Communion, please raise your hand and an Elder will come to serve you the elements. If you are unable to attend today's worship service and desire Elders to come to your home to administer the Lord's Supper, please let the church office know.

If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son"

John 3:16

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SCRIPTURE READINGS [NATHAN REID]

Announcing the Coming of God's Kingdom

Jesus began to preach,

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 4:17

From the days of John the Baptist until now,
the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing,
and forceful men lay hold of it.

Matthew 11:12

The kingdom of heaven
is like treasure hidden in a field.
When a man found it, he hid it again,
and then in his joy went and sold all he had
and bought that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven
is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.
When he found one of great value,
he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.
Matthew 13:44-45

OFFERING

Tonight's offering provides financial assistance for the needy in our church and community and for ministries approved by the WEPC Diaconate. If participation in the offering is part of your worship, please place your offering in one of the offering plates near the rear Sanctuary doors, mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit www.wepc.org/giving for online giving options.

JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me, O my Savior, hide
'Til life's storm is past
Safe into the haven guide
Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none
I helpless, hang on Thee
Leave, oh leave me not alone
Support and comfort me
All my trust on Thee is stayed
All help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing

Thou, O Christ, are all I want
Here more than all I find
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint
Heal the sick, and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy Name

I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou art full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art
Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart
For all eternity

*"You have been...a refuge for the needy in his distress." Isaiah 25:4
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BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God Himself, the God of peace,
sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body
be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The One who calls you is faithful

Tonight's sermon was preached by **WEPC Elder and Director of Neighborhood Outreach, Changjwok Deng**.
Worship was led and the Lord's Supper was administered
by **Pastor Kevin Greene, Randall & Tammy Ingram**, and
Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered led
congregational singing. **Ross Bruning** managed sound.
Christopher Malak & Scott Hoyer managed livestream
video. **Christine Morobe & Nathan Reid** read Scripture.

We are glad you have joined us this evening. If you are
visiting our church for the first time, or are a regular
attender or church member, we encourage you to use our
online "[Keep in Touch](#)" form to introduce yourself, request
prayer, or request more information about our church.

A WEPC Daily Devotional Resource for the Season of Lent
2021 is available at [TBD](#)

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PERSONAL RETREATS
MARCH 6 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM (In-Person)
MARCH 13 | 9 AM-12 PM (Virtual)

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 1 | 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 2 | 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4 | 9 & 10:30 AM