

The Epistle **1 Corinthians 5:20-6:2**

Brethren, Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. ^{6:1} Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

P: ♪ O LORD, have mercy upon us. **C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O LORD!**

The Holy Gospel according to **St. Matthew, the 6th Chapter: 16-21**

At that time [Jesus said] "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." ✠

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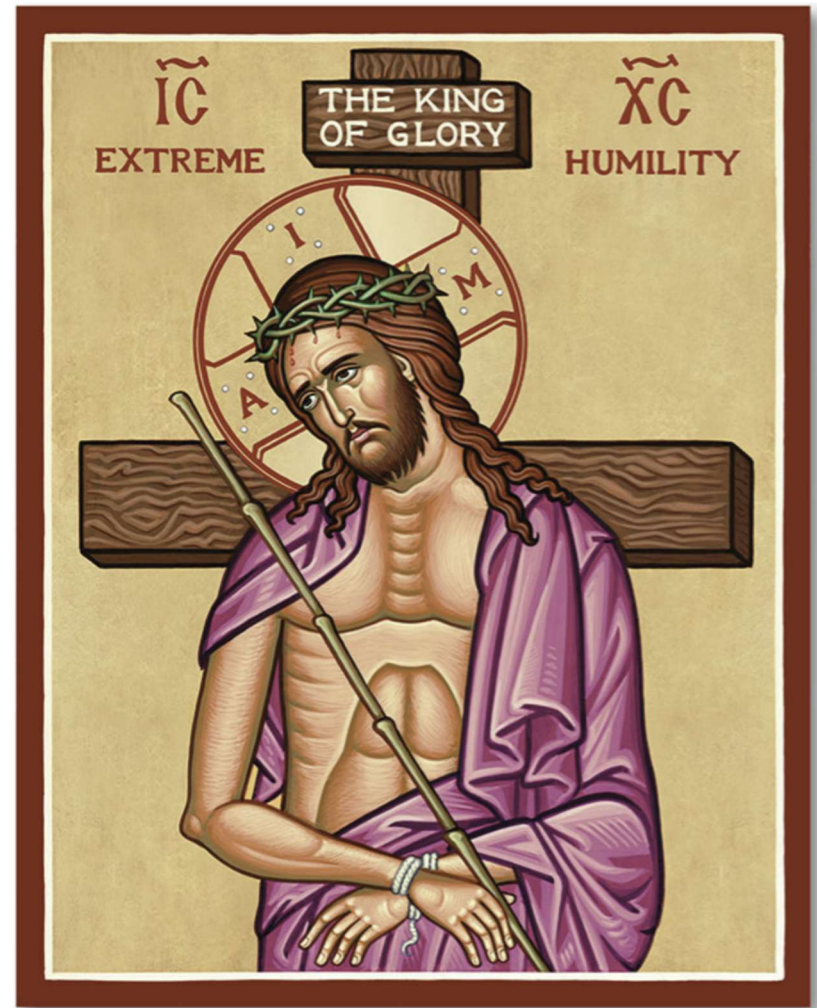
ASH WEDNESDAY Psalm 6 **SAVE ME IN YOUR UNFAILING LOVE 3.2.22 F OS**

Prayer for Lent Gracious Savior, I fall prostrate at Your feet this day as Your Church once more enters the Lenten season to meditate upon Your Passion, by which we have been eternally redeemed. In spirit I appear before You in sackcloth and ashes in true repentance. - Let me receive Your full pardon. Do not let the pleasures of life, the worries of the day, and the activities of my daily routine crowd You out of my heart and out of my thoughts. Draw me to Your wounded side, and cleanse me with Your most precious Blood. Bring healing of my soul and peace of my mind. By Your grace, let me crucify my sinful affections, lusts, and desires. Make me more than conqueror over every temptation. I confess to You all my sins. Let none of them cling to me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Teach me to love You more and more. Give me grace to confess You as my Savior, for You have redeemed me on Calvary, lifted me out of the darkness of sin to be Your own. Gracious Savior, let Your constraining love keep me and all God's children steadfast to the end. **Amen**

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Another Prayer for Lent Almighty and everlasting God, Who bestowed the healing of Your loving-kindness upon the Ninevites as they repented in dust and ashes: mercifully grant, that we, who now imitate them outwardly, may receive the same pardon; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ASH WEDNESDAY VESPERS ✠ BEGINNING OF LENT
RETURN TO THE LORD ✠ February 18th 4 PM ^{GP} 6 PM ^{FM}



Monastery Icon for the start of Lent ✠ Ash Wednesday
We begin [and continue throughout] our Lenten journey at the foot of the Cross.

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Order of Vespers 🕯️ **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** p.120

Opening Hymn	493	Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All	3 verses
Lent A.W. Hymn	452	Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee	5 verses
Closing Hymn	570	Now the Light Has Gone Away	5 verses

Corporate Confession of Sin *P: Makes haste O God, to deliver me.*

C: Make haste to help me, O LORD.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken spirit and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. 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, forevermore. Amen.

P: I now ask you, in the presence of God, Who searches the heart: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserve His wrath and punishment?

C: I do so confess.

P: Truly you should confess, for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word and deed?

C: I do repent.

P: Truly you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others. Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?

C: I do so believe.

P: Truly you should believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Do you promise that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?

C: I do so promise.

P: Truly you should promise, for Christ our LORD says: "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Finally, Do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

C: I do so believe.

P: Truly you should so believe, for Christ our LORD says: "Whoever hears you, hears Me" and "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them."

Approach the Altar [like Communion] to receive the Individual Absolution.

The pastor will lay hands on the people and say to each one:

P: I declare to you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In dismissing the people: May He who has begun the good work in you perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you. Amen.

The Psalms **Penitential Psalm 6:1-10**

P: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

C: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.

My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD - how long?

Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.

All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lection **Old Testament Lesson** **Joel 2:12-19** **ESV**

In those days Joel prophesied: "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster. ¹⁴ Who knows whether He will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶ gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" ¹⁸ Then the LORD became jealous for His land and had pity on His people. ¹⁹ The LORD answered and said to His people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."

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