

Reflection Hymn: "I Lay My Sin on Jesus"

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Imposition of Ashes

As children we offer our confession in the spirit of our ancestor Job, who prayed:

C: I had heard you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes. (Job 42:5-6)

The Promise of Christ

P: Accomplish in us, O god, the work of your salvation,

C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. By his Holy Spirit, may he grant you true repentance, that you may live with him in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Amen

***The Lord's Prayer**

Closing Hymn: Abide with Me (verses 1, 2, 5)

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Benediction

Behold, we are goingBut on the third day he will rise. As we go, remember his Sacrifice

Exit in Silence

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Welcome

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad to have you worship with us tonight. We confess the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and by baptism we are made children of God. This we affirm by our confession of faith. Therefore, as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus we welcome you in worshipping our Lord in Word and Sacrament.

* Asterisk indicates the congregation stands as each person is able.

Opening Hymn: “Just As I am, Without One Plea “

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Call to Worship:

P: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus said: “If any would come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

P: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings to closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus – the pioneer and perfecter of our faith – who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

C: Lord, we believe; help us in our unbelief

Prayers of Confession and Repentance

P: Let us draw near to God with an honest heart, confessing our sins to God the Father, and appealing to him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Almighty God,

C: We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P: We have received your many blessings with a lack of gratitude; and have failed to be good stewards of your Creation.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We have followed our own selfish willful and ways, and have failed to be your trusting and obedient servants.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven, and have failed to be your witnesses in the world.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our unfaithfulness — our fear, our anger, our pride, and our trust in our own righteousness.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, our lack of concern for the needs of others, and our sense of entitlement to all we possess.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, our negligence in worship, and our rejection of your Word in our lives.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

C: Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Give us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 (Pew Bible page 966)

Responsorial Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶ **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

***Gospel Matthew 6:16-21** (Pew Bible page 811)

Children’s Message

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