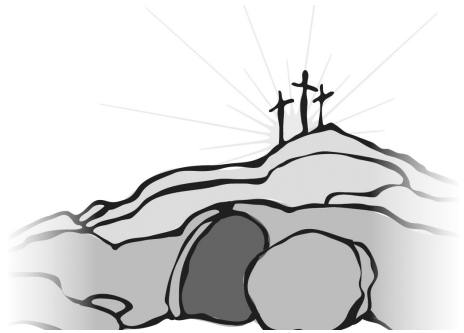


# King of Kings

## Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024



### Opening Hymn 435: *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

P: We come with a deep sense of our guilt before You, O Lord, and plead nothing but Your mercy, and the love of Jesus, our Savior. You know that we are dust, and have no power of ourselves. We have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We come confessing our sins, renouncing them, and praying for Your grace and forgiveness in the cross of Christ. We pray in His name.

**C: (Sung): Amen.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: (spoken): Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 90 (selected verses)

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place

**C: throughout all generations.**

P: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,

**C: from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

P: You turn men back to dust,

**C: saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."**

P: We are consumed by your anger

**C: and terrified by your indignation.**

P: You have set our iniquities before you,

**C: our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

P: Teach us to number our days aright,

**C: that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

P: Relent, O LORD! How long will it be?

**C: Have compassion on your servants.**

P: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
**C: that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

**Hymn 767: *Jesus, Remember Me***

*Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.  
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**The Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 14, 17, 22-27**

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**C: (Spoken): Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

**Confession Faith:**

**(Luther's Explanation to the Second Article)**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

**He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.  
This is most certainly true.**

**Hymn 431: *Not All the Blood of Beasts***

**Sermon: Psalms 32; 51**

**DAVID:**  
***The King Who Laid Bare His Soul***

**Choir: *As the Night Shades Gently Fall***

*As the night shades gently fall, Peace and calm o'ertake me.  
Well I know my Father's care Never shall forsake me.  
Sparrows fall; God sees all. So, I through His dear Son Rest in my Salvation.*

*Lamb of God, Thy precious blood Freely Thou hast given,  
So that I may righteous be And inherit heaven.  
Thanks and praise All my days May I give His dear Son Who is my Salvation.*

*When in death I fall asleep In the Lord's Anointed,  
May sweet rest my body know 'Til the day appointed.  
Trumpets call Wakens all. I shall through His dear Son Rise to my Salvation.*

## **Hymn 433: Glory Be to Jesus**

### **The Offering, Prayer, and Lord's Prayer.**

#### **Confession of Sins:**

P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken on Himself our nature that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And that we should the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in cheerful obedience to His holy will, He has instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood.

Therefore whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification and, giving Him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow Him and according to His commandment love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one body, even as we all eat of His body and drink of His blood. Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness:

**C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them; and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Words of Institution**

**Distribution Hymns: 634, 627.**

### **Prayer (Spoken in unison)**

**We come to You, Father, repenting in dust and ashes, washed in the cleansing waters of baptism, strengthened through the body and blood of Your Son, given for each of us. Grant, O Lord, that this Lenten season prove a time of growth in our trust of You and our loving service to others. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Benediction:**

P: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**C: Amen.**

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**C: to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**

P: to herald Your love in the morning,

**C: Your truth at the close of the day.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: (Sung): Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 887: *Now the Light Has Gone Away***