

THE HYMN*

“Yield Not to Temptation”

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each vict’ry will help you, some other to win;
Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue,
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

*Ask the Savior to help you,
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.*

Shun evil companions, bad language disdain;
God’s name hold in rev’rence, nor take it in vain;
Be thoughtful and earnest, kind-hearted and true;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

To him that o’ercometh, God giveth a crown;
Through faith we will conquer, though often cast down;
He who is our Savior, our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sherry Hill

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Butler

BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Pastor Butler & Associate Clergy

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the imposition of ashes

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Butler & Associate Clergy

*Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament,
taking the bread and dipping it in the cup and then serving*

FROM WORSHIP TO OBSERVANCE: SENDING FORTH IN SILENCE

SENDING & BLESSING

Pastor Butler

TABERNACLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

THE REVEREND DON DARIUS BUTLER, PASTOR

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

7:00 P.M.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. By the fourth century the Western church had determined that the Lenten period of fasting and renewal should correspond to Christ’s forty-day fast (Matt. 4:2), and, by counting forty days back from Easter (excluding Sundays, which remain “feast” days), arrived at the Wednesday seven weeks before Easter. At one time Lent was primarily viewed as a period during which converts prepared for baptism on Easter Sunday, but later the season became a general time of penitence and renewal for all Christians. Thus Ash Wednesday became the day that marked the beginning of the Lenten renewal.

The aim of Ash Wednesday worship is threefold: to meditate on our mortality, sinfulness, and need of a savior; to renew our commitment to daily repentance in the Lenten season and in all of life; and to remember with confidence and gratitude that Christ has conquered death and sin. Ash Wednesday worship, then, is filled with gospel truth. It is a witness to the power and beauty of our union with Christ and to the daily dying and rising with Christ that this entails.

The imposition of ashes is often a central part of the worship service. Ashes have a long history in biblical and church traditions. In Scripture ashes or dust symbolize frailty or death (Gen. 18:27), sadness or mourning (Esther 4:3), judgment (Lam. 3:16), and repentance (Jon. 3:6). Some traditions also have considered ash a purifying or cleansing agent. All these images are caught up in the church’s use of ashes as a symbol appropriate for Lent. In Christ’s passion we see God’s judgment on evil; in our penitence we express sorrow and repentance for our sins; in our rededication we show that we are purified and renewed. The ashes, which often are the burnt residue of the previous year’s palms from Palm Sunday, are often mixed with a little water and carried in a small dish. As the leader goes from worshiper to worshiper, or as worshipers come forward, the leader dips a finger in the moist ash and makes a cross on each person’s forehead (the “imposition”), saying words such as “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return,” or, “Consider yourself dead to sin and alive in Jesus Christ.”

In some contexts, the imposition of ashes may be a barrier to thoughtful Lenten worship because of its newness or because it may be misunderstood. Most important is that worshipers rend their hearts (Joel 2:13). Decisions about whether or how to practice the imposition of ashes should always take into account that the service should build up the body of Christ.

*THE MINISTRY OF THE PREPARATION: THE GATHERING
CENTERING AND MEDITATION: "God Leads Us Along"*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

The Reverend Dennis Givens

The season of Lent calls us to journey along the edge,
to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

**Lent calls us to the cutting edge,
when the wheat falls to the ground
and new life comes forth.**

Lent not only calls us to give up something,
but also invites us to participate in the mystery of God-with-us.

**By your grace, call us from grief into gladness,
despair into hope,
estrangement into right relations
with each other and with the earth.**

INVOCATION*

The Reverend Dennis Givens

HYMN OF ENTREATY*

"We Have Come Into This House"

We have come into this house to gather in His name and worship Him.
We have come into this house to gather in His name and worship Him.
We have come into this house to gathered in His name and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself, concentrate on Him and worship
So forget about yourself, concentrate on Him and worship
So forget about yourself, concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord

Let us lift up holy hands, magnify His name and worship Him
Let us lift up holy hands, magnify His name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands, magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION*

The Reverend Don Darius Butler

As a congregation,
we come to observe this season of Lent
through self-examination and penitence,
prayer and fasting,
reading and meditating on the Word of God,
and works of love and witness.
Let us bow before God, our Creator and Redeemer,
and confess our sin:

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
**according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.**

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
**Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.**
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Amen. [Silence]
—from Psalm 51:1-2, 6, 10-12, NIV

Assurance of Pardon

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,
give us contrite hearts.

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal us by his wounds.

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,
speak words of pardon and peace.

CHORAL MUSIC

The Chancel Choir

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: PROCLAMATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING ISAIAH 58:1-12

Deacon Darryl Blair

THE PSALTER PSALM 51:1-17

Kourtlyn Currie

SECOND READING 2CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:10

Bruce Snowden

THE GOSPEL* MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

Minister Donna Childs

LITURGICAL DANCE

Tawanda Harrington

THE SERMON

The Reverend Gloria Phillips