

# HOLLYWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Embracing the community with Christ's inclusive love*

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**HOLY COMMUNION/IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the mercy of God, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Let us pray for the grace to keep Lent faithfully  
*a time of silence for prayer*

Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin the discipline of Lent, make this day holy to us in our resolve to deny ourselves and to follow you, and grant to us peace in the day of redemption. **Amen.**

## Penitential Psalm: Psalm 32:1-7

L: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

C: **Blessed are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

*All:* **Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is  
covered.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**All: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.  
Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is  
covered.**

Therefore let all who are faithful

offer prayer to you;

**at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me;

you preserve me from trouble;

**you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

**All: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is  
covered.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality, with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Isaiah 58:5–9**

5 Is such the fast that I choose  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?  
6 Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

7 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 them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

### **Psalm 143: A Psalm of David**

*The Psalm is recited in unison*

1 **Hear my prayer, O LORD;**  
**give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness;**  
**answer me in your righteousness.**  
2 **Do not enter into judgment with your servant,**  
**for no one living is righteous before you.**  
3 **For the enemy has pursued me,**  
**crushing my life to the ground,**  
**making me sit in darkness like those long dead.**  
4 **Therefore my spirit faints within me;**  
**my heart within me is appalled.**  
5 **I remember the days of old,**  
**I think about all your deeds,**  
**I meditate on the works of your hands.**  
6 **I stretch out my hands to you;**  
**my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**  
*Refrain:* **Do not enter into judgment with your servant,**  
**for no one living is righteous before you.**  
7 **Answer me quickly, O LORD;**  
**my spirit fails.**  
**Do not hide your face from me,**  
**or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.**

8     **Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning,  
for in you I put my trust.  
Teach me the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.**

9     **Save me, O LORD, from my enemies;  
I have fled to you for refuge.**

10    **Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God.  
Let your good spirit lead me  
on a level path.**

11    **For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life.  
In your righteousness bring me out of trouble.**

12    **In your steadfast love cut off my enemies,  
and destroy all my adversaries,  
for I am your servant.**

*Refrain:*     **Do not enter into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 1:5–10**

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**Blessing of the Ashes**

P:     Dear friends in Christ, let us ask our Father to bless these ashes  
which we will use as a mark of repentance and faith:

Lord, bless the sinner who asks for your forgiveness,  
and bless + all those who receive these ashes.  
Pardon our sins and keep us faithful to the disciple of this season,  
that as we die to sin with Jesus Christ our Lord  
we may rise and live with him who reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Imposition of Ashes**

*All who desire may come forward and kneel before the Altar. The*

*Pastor applies ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:*

P: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*After all who desire ashes have received them, the Pastor and the*

*congregation conclude the rite:*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

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

By the Cross and Passion of Jesus your Son, our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints, to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death

of sinners, but rather that we should turn from our wickedness and live.

Therefore, we implore God to grant us true repentance in the Holy Spirit,  
that those things may please God which we do on this day, that the rest of  
our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to eternal  
joy in the Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Intercessions and Prayers**

P: My brothers and sisters, we know that we should pray at all times and  
without ceasing. But especially during this season of Lent, we should  
faithfully keep watch with Christ and pray to our Father.

A: That Christians everywhere may be responsive to the word of God during  
this holy season, we pray to you Lord,

**Lord, receive our prayer.**

that we strive to end our disunity as the body of Christ in the world and—united in heart and soul, word and deed—to be signs of your compassion and truth, we pray to you Lord,

**Lord, receive our prayer.**

that people everywhere may work for peace to make these days the acceptable time of your mercy and help, healing and salvation, we pray to you Lord,

**Lord, receive our prayer.**

that all who have wandered from your ways, or have grown lukewarm to their discipleship in Christ, may draw near to you again during this time of reconciliation, we pray to you Lord.

**Lord, receive our prayer.**

that we ourselves may learn to repent and turn away from the desire and power of sin with all our hearts, we pray to you Lord,

**Lord, receive our prayer.**

that, as leaders of your faithful people, we may find in discipline the rejuvenation of our own souls and the desire to lead exemplary lives which point to your grace and mercy in all things, we pray to you Lord,

**Lord, receive our prayer.**

P: Lord, may your people turn to you again and serve you with all their hearts. With confidence we have asked your help. May we now know your mercy and love in our lives, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Father, you always welcome us whenever we turn to you. Be pleased with this sign of our repentance which has been placed upon our foreheads, and accept these gifts as a sign that we are yours. Grant that we may pass from death to life through Jesus Christ, your Son, whose victory over death is our own true source of hope. We give you praise for the glory of his Name, now and always. **Amen.**

## CONSECRATION

*The Eucharistic Prayer is spoken by the Pastor and the people:*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you our thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ your beloved Son, whom you sent to call the world to repentance, faith and reconciliation, and to embody your compassion and mercy for all people.

And we praise you that, on the night in which he was betrayed, before he was given up to a death he freely accepted,

our Lord Jesus took bread, blessed it and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to those with him and said,

“Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

When the supper was ended he gave you thanks and praise,

gave the cup to his followers and said,

“Drink this all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In memory of his suffering and death for us,

we raise to you this ✠ life-giving bread and this ✠ saving cup.

We thank you for counting us worthy

to stand in your presence and to serve you.

May all who share in the body and blood of Christ,

be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

P: With contrition and confidence, let us pray Our Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

P: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

C: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. Only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Holy Communion is distributed to all.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God of mercy and forgiveness, may these holy gifts we have received give us strength in doing your will, and make us effective witnesses of your grace to all whose lives we touch. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: May God, who is Mighty and Merciful, the Father, the ☩ Son and the Holy Spirit bless us and preserve us.  
**Amen.**