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Ash Wednesday Service The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

February 26, 2020
Bethpage Presbyterian Church

7:00 P.M.
Church Sanctuary

GATHERING

The people gather in silence.

PRELUDE "Adagio in G Minor" Tomaso Albinoni Arr. by S. Drummond Wolff

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

People: God's love endures forever. God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

People: though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Leader: God's love endures forever.

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

*HYMN 195 "Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord" PTOMEY
The Presbyterian Hymnal

SCRIPTURE AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21(Bible, NT p. 5)

MEDITATION *Rev. Meg Shaw Skidmore*

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. *(continued →)*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness.

For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

have mercy on us, O God.

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

have mercy on us, O God.

For our anger at our own frustration

and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

have mercy on us, O God.

For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,

and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

have mercy on us, O God.

For our negligence in prayer and worship,

and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

have mercy on us, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering

and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

have mercy on us, O God.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,

and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

have mercy on us, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation

and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

CALL TO RECEIVE THE ASHES

Those who would like to receive the imposition of ashes as a reminder of our life of brokenness and death without Christ redemption and grace, please come forward at this time.

ALL: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of our Savior, bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Kyrie"

based on the Largo Movement from Antonin Dvorak's "New World" Symphony Arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE BY INTINCTION

(Please come forward to receive the Assurance of Pardon and the Bread and Cup of the Lord's Supper. At Bethpage we serve grape juice (purple) and white wine to represent the blood of your Savior, Jesus Christ. Please use the center aisle, starting with the back row and returning by the side aisles.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN 85

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

WONDRIOUS LOVE

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SENDING FORTH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Reprise"

Paul Manz

The people are asked to quietly depart.

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*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome our Bethpage church family and friends to tonight's Ash Wednesday Service.

We pray the service will be but the first step in a blessed Lenten Season.