

Benediction

Closing Music on supplement "Trading My Sorrows"

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In this service for Ash Wednesday, we remember that we who are poor in spirit, who mourn, and who hunger and thirst for righteousness are called blessed by Jesus, our Saviour. Ash Wednesday reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, Jesus blesses us with new life in him through the cross.

In the first service for Week 1 (this year on Sunday, February 21) of Lent, we remember that Christ calls us to be salt and light in this world of sin. We who have tasted and seen his great love for us on the cross can spend our Lent savoring his salvation and shining with his glory and grace in the places where he has put us.



February 17, 2021
Ash Wednesday: Blessed Are You
Sermon on the Mount
A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Music on supplement "Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"

Bible Reading Matthew 5:1-11

5 One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, ² and he began to teach them.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you
when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Musical Response on supplement "Blest Are They"

Confession and Absolution

We are dust, and to dust we shall return. But our God is faithful and just. When we confess our sins, he covers us in his righteousness and gives us new hope.

Most merciful God, dust is our destiny. We are impure. We are at war against you and our fellow human beings in what we say, in what we think, and in what we do. We have even left undone the good things you have commanded us to do. We do not deserve the kingdom of heaven. Out of the depths of your perfect grace, please forgive us for the sins we have committed against you and against one another. Wash us clean and turn our rags into white robes so that we will rise from the dust of ashes to the glory of your grace.

Our merciful heavenly Father sent his Son Jesus, who is righteous, merciful and pure in heart. He is the one who has, by his cross, made peace between evil sinners and a righteous God. Jesus Christ rose from the dust of death to life again so that we are made to live before God in righteousness and purity. It is by his grace that I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Musical Response on supplement "Refiner's Fire/Purify My Heart"

Pastor's Message

"Blessed Are You"

Prayers on supplement

Celebration of Communion
Lord's Prayer