



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

March 2, 2022

Six-Thirty O'clock

*Please silence all electronic
devices prior to the service.*

** At these moments, we invite
you to stand in body or spirit.*

The Order for Worship Ash Wednesday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Hymn No. 678

“Our Darkness Is Never Darkness in Your Sight”

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the
La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi: la

deep - est night is clear as the day - light.
nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re.

Greeting

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.**

Leader: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

People: **Who redeems your life from the grave, and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn No. 814

"In God Alone"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are in English and French. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines, with a fermata over the final note of the vocal line.

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de

God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon

soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Leader: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill.
Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming.
It is close at hand—
a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness.
Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes,
such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come.

People: “Even now,” declares the Lord,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning.”
**Rend your heart
and not your garments.**

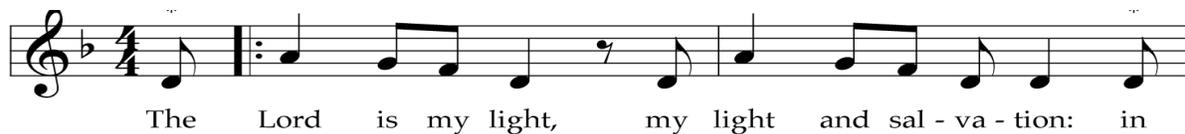
Leader: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.
Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—
grain offerings and drink offerings
for the Lord your God.

People: **Blow the trumpet in Zion,
declare a holy fast,
call a sacred assembly.
Gather the people,
consecrate the assembly;
bring together the elders,
gather the children,
those nursing at the breast.**

Leader: Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.
Let the priests, who minister before the Lord,
weep between the portico and the altar.
Let them say, “Spare your people, Lord.
Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn,
a byword among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples,
Where is their God?”

Hymn No. 842

“The Lord Is My Light”



Second Lesson (*Silence is kept*)

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

Gospel Lesson (*Silence is kept*)

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Invitation To The Observance of The Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Imposition of Ashes

Litany of Penitence

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **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.**

Leader: 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.

People: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Leader: 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.

People: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Leader: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:
The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: 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,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

People: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Hymn No. 544

“Bless the Lord”

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You made all that is and made us to be your people.

**People: When we withdrew from your love and became lost,
you waited patiently until we returned to you,
for you are gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Hymn No. 552** *(sung by all)*

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. *(Please be seated.)*

Leader: You are Holy, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom, for our sake, you gave us. He knew no sin, so that in him we might become your righteousness. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

People: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
Behold, now is the acceptable time.
Behold, now is the day of salvation.

People: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in
your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty
Father, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn No. 527

“Eat This Bread”

Opt. A “Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and
Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;
nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.”
drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Hymn No. 294

“Within Our Darkest Night”

With-in our dark-est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er
Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é -

dies a - way, nev-er dies a - way. With-in our dark-est night, you
teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al -

kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev-er dies a - way.
lu - me le feu qui ne s'é-teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja - mais.

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