

God's Love Is Shown

A Series of Services for Lent and Holy Week

Ash Wednesday: Redemptive Love

Order of Service

*Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 7:24-25*

Opening Hymn #433 ... Glory Be To Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;

Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!

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Invocation and Litany

P In the name of the Father,

C Who created us out of love;

P and of the Son,

C Who redeemed us out of love;

P and of the Holy Spirit,

C Who keeps us by His love. Amen! Amen! Amen!

Confession

P As we begin this Lenten journey of love, and reflect on the redemptive love of our heavenly Father, we ponder our sinfulness and our need for His loving redemption.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination)

C Heavenly Father, I am truly an undeserving, wretched sinner. I have done nothing to deserve your love. In fact, I have done much to deserve your wrath and punishment. I am guilty beyond measure. I come before you broken and beat down by my own faults and failures. I am mortal. I am a sinner in need of your redemptive love. Forgive me and create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.

Absolution

P Out of love for you, and because of His mercy and grace alone, our Lord Jesus has paid the price! He has redeemed your life from the pit and filled you with love and compassion! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen! Amen! Amen!

Hymn #794 ... The Lord, My God, Be Praised



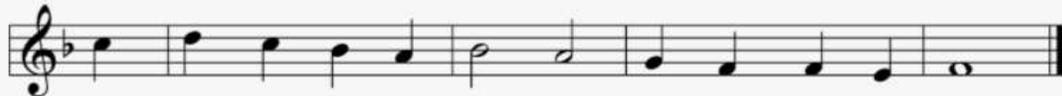
1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading ... Daniel 9:3-12

Epistle Reading ... Romans 7:15-25

Gospel Reading ... John 3:14-18

Sermon Hymn #543 ... What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Sermon

Hymn of Response #418 ... O Lord Throughout These 40 Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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Prayers

P Heavenly Father, out of love you sent your Son to redeem me and all creation. We thank you for your mercy and grace shown to us in this way. During these forty days of Lent, humble me and show me your power and glory, more and more, that I may witness your love to those around me. In your redemptive love,

C Hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, our Redeemer and Lord, you gave up your holy body and blood to buy us back from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Make us ever thankful that you paid the price we could not pay, so that our thankfulness and praise will resound to the ends of the earth. In your redemptive love,

C Hear our prayer.

P Holy Spirit, as we begin this Lenten season, turn our hearts toward you and your mercy and grace. Humble us, by your mighty power, that we may cling to Jesus alone for life. In your redemptive love,

C Hear our prayer.

P Lord God, you are the physician of body and soul. We humbly ask that you would heal those

who are dealing with illness and injury according to your will. As they wait upon your healing, work through their struggle to reveal your mighty power and love in their lives. In your redemptive love,

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn #421 ... Jesus Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp-
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

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