



REFLECTIONS on REPENTANCE

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the season of the church year called “Lent.” During Lent it is our custom to prepare for the joy of Easter by pondering our Lord’s humiliation, suffering, and death (the part of Jesus’ ministry called his “Passion”). Our theme for Lenten worship this year is “Reflections on Repentance.”

Midweek Lenten Service

Reflection

Imperfection is the only prerequisite for grace. Light only gets in through the cracks. – Philip Yancey

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Invocation

Hymn of Gathering

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain, 394 *Christian Worship*

CONFESSION OF SINS*

a time for being quiet before the Lord

Pastor Kirchenwitz: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in our thoughts, and words, and actions. We have broken your law by the things that we have done and the things we have left undone. We have not loved you with the fullness of our hearts, nor our neighbor as ourselves. We lack the goodness to even feel sorrow as we should.

Grace Family: **For the sake of your Son, have mercy on us.**

Holy God, I confess to you that I am a sinner and have not done what you have asked me to do. I have sinned against you and others in what I have thought, what I have said, and what I have done. I deserve your eternal punishment. I am sorry for my sins and I ask for you to forgive me.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS*

Pastor Kirchenwitz: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Gracious and Almighty God, may we joy in your will. May we walk in your ways. May we love as you have loved us. May we serve as you have served us. May we speak as you have spoken to us. May we go as you have gone. May we care as you have cared for us.

Grace Family: Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S WORD

Prayer for the Hearing of God's Word

God Has Spoken by His Prophets, 639 *Christian Worship*

Reading of the Passion History of Jesus Christ

Drawn from the Gospels

Hymn of Response

What Wondrous Love Is This, 526 *Christian Worship*

MESSAGE

Reflections on Repentance: Revealing Our Sinful Nature

Based on Psalm 51:1-5

Hymn of Response

O God from God, O Light from Light, 629 *Christian Worship*

Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

Hymn of Sending

Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow, 794 stzs.3,4 *Christian Worship*

* Adapted from "Most Merciful God" by Zac Hicks

Following tonight's service, there will be no closing announcements, and the congregation will not be ushered out of the sanctuary. You may remain as long as you wish for personal meditation, reflection and prayer. We will exchange our greetings downstairs in the Fellowship Room.

Tonight's worship leader and preacher is Pastor Alex Kirchenwitz. Pastor Kirchenwitz serves Divine Peace Lutheran Church, Largo, MD. Our thanks go to Pastor Kirchenwitz for his ministry among us this evening.

Tonight Pastor Kevin is leading worship and preaching at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, Lusby, MD.



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