

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* Richard Robertson

Call to Worship

Reader: 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.**

Reader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: **God’s love endures forever.**

†Hymn *Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes* #2138 on back

Prayer

Responsive Reading *Psalms 62: 1-8*

Reader: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

People: **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

Reader: How long will you assail a person, will you batter your victim, all of you, as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

People: **Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence. They take pleasure in falsehood; they bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**

Reader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

People: **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Reader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

People: **Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**



Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 58:1-12 OT Page 688

False and True Worship

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

†Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Hymnal #171

Second Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 NT Page 5

Concerning Almsgiving, Prayer, Fasting and Treasures

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Homily
Lin Veasey, CRE

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Prayer of Penitence
Let us bow before God, our Creator and Redeemer, and confess our sin.

Pastor and People Together:

Most holy and merciful Father: 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 own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Pastor: 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, Lord.**

Pastor: We have been deaf 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, Lord.**

Pastor: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People: **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

People: **We confess to you, Lord.**



†Please stand if you are able.

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

People: **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

People: **We confess to you, Lord.**

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

People: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Pastor: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Pastor: 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, Lord.**

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

People: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Pastor: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

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


Following the imposition of ashes, the confession concludes with the following words.

Reader: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

People: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Reader: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

People: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ’s resurrection.**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

†Hymn *What Wondrous Love is This* Hymnal #85

†Benediction

Postlude *El Shaddai* Mark Hayes



GRACE

REPENTANCE

2138 Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes

1. *Sun-day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es as an -
2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of -
3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to

oth - er Lent be - gins; thus we kneel be - fore our
fenc - es to for - give, have not lis - tened to their
proof of hu - man need; and our lack of un - der -

Mak - er in con - tri - tion for our
trou - bles, nor have cared just how they
stand - ing dem - on - strates our in - ner

sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal pledg - es, in re -
live, we are jeal - ous, proud, im - pa - tient, lov - ing
greed; we have wast - ed earth's re - sourc - es; want and

bel - lion gone a - stray; now, re - turn - ing, seek for -
o - ver - much our things; may the yield - ing of our
suf - fering we've ig - nored; come and cleanse us, then re -

give - ness; grant us par - don, God, this day!
fail - ings be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.
store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

*The first line of the hymn recalls the custom of burning remaining palm leaves of the previous year to form the ashes for this observance.

WORDS: BOB WATKINS

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"What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill clad, being available to your own families"

Isaiah 58:6-7 (The Message)

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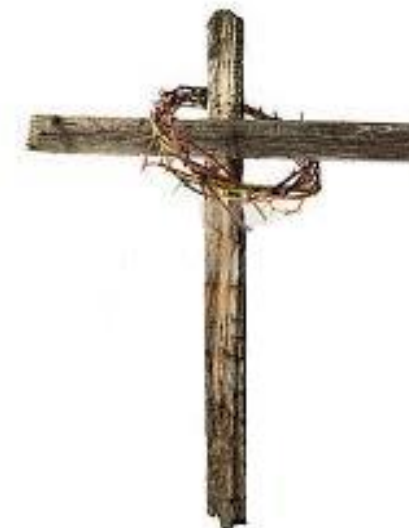
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*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20



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