Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022

Prelude There is a Balm in Gilead arr. Jay Rouse

Call to Worship

One The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All And also with you.
One Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
All God's mercy endures forever.

Opening Prayer (unison)

O God, maker of every thing and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts, and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn Lord Jesus, Think on Me (v. 1-4) no. 417

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife. In all my pain and misery be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray. Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past, I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.

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Old Testament Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Meditation

Invitation to Observance of a Holy Lent

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Hymn Lord, I Want to Be a Christian no. 729

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart (in my heart) in my heart (in my heart)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart (in my heart) in my heart (in my heart)
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart (in my heart) in my heart (in my heart)
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart (in my heart) in my heart (in my heart)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian
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Benediction

Postlude Abide with Me arr. Lee Evans