

Kathwood Baptist Church



THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

February 17, 2010

ASH WEDNESDAY

Six-Thirty o'clock

A Service of Penitence and Renewal

CALLED TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP ...

Organ Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Be Silent

arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Mark Tidsworth

*Lighting the Candles

Acolyte

*Call to Worship

Joel 2:1-2; 12-17

Dr. Marion Aldridge

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Reader: We hear the voice of God through these words. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Invocation

Rev. Tidsworth

*Hymn

Lord, Jesus, Who Through Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord Je - sus, who through for - ty days for us did fast and
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, and did the vic - tory
3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -
4. A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.
tide, Yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Christ, with us a - bide.
past, An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

SEEKING THE LORD ...

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

Rev. Tidsworth

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

c. Carl Mueller

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Response:



You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow".

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. *Response*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. *Response*

Assurance of Pardon

Congregation

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace

Congregation

The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

*Hymn 272

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

AURELIA

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Words for Ash Wednesday

Rev. Tidsworth

*Hymn 307

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

Imposition of Ashes

Congregation

DISMISSAL TO FORTY DAYS OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE AND DEVOTION

Benediction

Rev. Tidsworth

*Organ Postlude

O Sacred Head How Wounded

Charles Callahan

Purple, the color for the Lenten Season, is the color that adorns our altar table and pulpit. It is the color of both penitence and royalty.