### Go In His Power

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:**

For the gift of life in Jesus Christ your Son, we give you thanks, O Lord. For the gift of your Word and for this fellowship of faith in which we live them out, we praise you. Lead us forth by your Spirit to do your will in the coming days, that in Christ we may experience the joy of resurrection as your promise becomes real in each of us. Through Christ we pray... Amen.

> "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

SONG:

Lord of all Hopefulness (AT 405) The offering will be received as we sing

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# Living Water Fellowship Ash Wednesday



22 February 2023

## Come To Jesus

**GATHERING MUSIC:** Sing to Jesus – Robbie Seay Band

**BIBLE READING:** Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would burst from the heavens and come down! How the mountains would quake in your presence! As fire causes wood to burn and water to boil, your coming would make the nations tremble. Then your enemies would learn the reason for your fame! When you came down long ago, you did awesome deeds beyond our highest expectations. And oh, how the mountains guaked! For since the world began, no ear has heard

and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him! You welcome those who gladly do good, who follow godly ways. But you have been very angry with us, for we are not godly.

We are constant sinners; how can people like us be saved?

We are all infected and impure with sin.

When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.

Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall. and our sins sweep us away like the wind.

Yet no one calls on your name or pleads with you for mercy.

Therefore, you have turned away from us and turned us over to our sins.

And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand. Don't be so angry with us, Lord. Please don't remember our sins forever.

Look at us, we pray, and see that we are all your people.

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SONGS: So you would come (P&W 821)

#### ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for your sins have brought you down. Bring your confessions, and return to the Lord. Say to him,

"Forgive all our sins and graciously receive us, so we may offer you praise."

Search us, O God, you know our hearts; test us for you know our anxious thoughts. Point out anything that offends you, and guide us along the path of everlasting life.

Creator God, our Father; you fashioned us out of dust, & breathed your Spirit into us, so we might sing your praise. But we have rejected your rule over us. We have denied our dependence on you. We chose to be our own gods, & all our idols will fail us, abandon us & bring us to death.

Sovereign Lord, we come before you now without pretense or excuse; you see all our actions and know all our inward thoughts. We are laid bare before you. We have sinned against you, and we plead for your forgiveness. Have mercy on us.

We have tried to find our own way instead of following the paths you lay out for us. We have arrogantly thought ourselves better than our neighbours. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, or strength. Have mercy on us.

We have not forgiven as we have been forgiven. We have not listened to your voice for direction in our lives. We confess our pride, hypocrisy, and impatience. We confess our self-indulgent appetites, selfish attitudes, and self-centred pursuits. Have mercy on us, God.

We confess our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves and our striving for power and success to determine our worthiness. We confess our love of worldly goods and temporary pleasures. We admit our dishonesty in daily life and work. Have mercy on us, God.

We confess our sense of helplessness in the face of human need and suffering. We admit our participation in injustice and prejudice. We admit the ungracious thoughts toward others and false judgments we are guick to make. Have mercy on us, God.

We confess our failure to be diligent in prayer and faithful in our worship. We admit that we are hesitant to share with others the faith within us. Have mercy on us, God.

Restore us; heal us; recreate us. Hear us, for your mercy is great. Amen.

**SONGS:** Lord have mercy (AT 516)

Grow In His Grace

**BIBLE READING:** Psalm 98:1-9

Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has done wonderful deeds.

His right hand has won a mighty victory; his holy arm has shown his saving power!

The Lord has announced his victory and has revealed his righteousness to every nation!

He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel.

The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!

Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song, with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn.

Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King!

Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!

Let the earth and all living things join in.

Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!

Let the hills sing out their songs of joy before the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with fairness.

#### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES:**

The Imposition of Ashes —St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354–430)

O Lord, The house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in. It is ruinous, O repair it! It displeases Your sight. I confess it, I know. But who shall cleanse it, to whom shall I cry but to you? Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and spare Your servant from strange sins. Keep us, at our last hour, in the consolation of your love. Amen.

Dust we are and to dust we shall return. **Ashes to ashes. dust to dust.** 

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and our returning to you by the work of the Holy Spirit. Remind us tonight and in every breath, that we receive eternal life by grace alone, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Bless all who receive these ashes tonight. Let your saving, healing, sanctifying work reach completion in our hearts, through Jesus Christ... Amen.

Worship during imposition of ashes: HERE'S MY HEART LORD (Lauren Daigle)

(Those who desire to receive ashes, both children and adults, may come forward.

Ashes will be applied to each person's forehead, with the words:

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return.")

THE SERMON: DISCIPLESHIP BEGINS WITH A "W": WORSHIP

PRAYERS:

#### THE COMMUNION

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Let us eat the bread given to us with its terrible price, & its infinite love. Let us drink the cup poured out for us with a life that makes satisfaction for sin and all things new.

Worship during communion: JERUSALEM (CityAlight)