

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLS OF CHRIST
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Prelude

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Bless God who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

Opening Prayer

Scripture: Joel 2:12-16a

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. Gather the people.

Hymn **“Forty Days and Forty Nights” Chalice Hymnal #179 (All)**

Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we your sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with you to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press,
flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fail!

So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as served you faithfully.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by your side;
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Scripture: Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Prayer of Penitence

Silence

Prayer Response: “Spirit of the Living God” Chalice Hymnal #259

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Devotion “Won’t You Be Mine?”

Hymn “What Wondrous Love is This” Chalice Hymnal #200 vs 1,2,3

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

Words of Institution and Prayer

Communion and Imposition of Ashes

As you come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat it. The pastor will then apply the ashes to your forehead and say:

Pastor: "For you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

You may reply: "Amen" and then return to your seat.

Prayer of Assurance

Hymn "Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days" Chalice Hymnal #180 (All)

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend,
and did the victory win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
in you to conquer sin.

And thro' these days of penitence,
and thro' your passiontide,
forevermore, in life and death,
O Christ, with us abide.

Abide with us, that through this life
of doubts and hope and pain,
an Easter of unending joy

we may at last attain!

Benediction

Postlude

Lenten Events

Thursday Night Soup Supper and Devotion

Thursday Soup Suppers - 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays during Lent, February 15 through March 21 - Thursday night soup suppers are back! Bring a soup and join in this time of devotion, fellowship, and warm eats. We will gather in the fellowship room each Thursday, take a moment for devotion and prayer, and then sit together and sup. All are invited.

Lenten Devotional Books

Lenten devotional books are available to pick up today. These daily devotions are provided by the Society of St. Andrew, an organization that works to glean fields and provide food to hungry people. If you would prefer a digital copy of the devotion, follow this link:

https://endhunger.org/docs_church/lent/Lenten_Devotions_Booklet.pdf

Holy Week March 24 thru March 31

Sunday, March 24 10:15 a.m. – Palm Sunday Worship Service

Thursday, March 28 7:00 p.m. - Maundy-Thursday Communion Service

Friday, March 29 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church of North KC (2018 Gentry St, North Kansas City, MO 64116) - Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday, March 31 10:15 a.m. - Easter Morning Worship Service