# Ash Wednesday Gluttony and Fasting

(Matthew 6:1–6,16–21)



### A Lenten Series on Vice and Virtue in the Passion Story

February 22, 2022

Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

(Matthew 4:4)

## Glittering Vices

A Series of Services
For the Season of Lent

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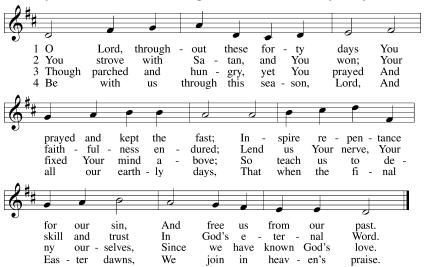
As We Gather: Today we begin our sermon series "Glittering Vices," a series that will reflect on the vices that are present not only in the disciples in the passion story, but even in our own lives. Learn today how the vice of gluttony desperately attempts to fill our souls with satisfaction, but in the end always leaves us emptier than before. Learn how the practice of fasting can counter gluttony and prepare us to instead hunger and thirst for God's Word and be strengthened in the fight of faith.

#### + Invocation and Call to Worship +

- P In the name of the Father, and of the 

  → Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Lord, as we begin this Lenten journey together,
- **©** Let us reflect on the sin that grips our hearts.
- **P** As we come before you in confession
- Let us know the joy of your forgiving love.
- P As we reflect on your life, passion, and death
- **©** Let your virtuous example be cultivated within us.
- P Send the power of your spirit into our hearts
- That we might joyfully live out your commands in every aspect of our lives.





#### + Confession and Forgiveness +

- Let us confess our sin to God our Father in heaven, pleading for His mercy for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ:
- Father, forgive me for evil thoughts that come from within me, out of my unclean heart. (Mark 7:21-22)
- P Lord have mercy.
- Father, forgive my gluttonous heart, which attempts to live by bread alone and not by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)
- P Lord have mercy.
- Father, forgive my greedy heart, which seeks security in the abundance of possessions at the expense of my neighbor in need. (Luke 12:15)
- **P** Lord have mercy.
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- Father, forgive my slothful heart, which is indifferent to Your Word and disregards the good works You have prepared for me to walk in. (Eph. 2:10, Matt. 25:31-46)
- **P** Lord have mercy.
- Father, forgive my envious heart, which begrudges Your generosity to others and finds joy in their sorrow.

  (Matt. 20:15)
- P Lord have mercy.
- Father, forgive my angry heart, which does not produce the righteousness You desire but avenges injustice through hatred of my enemies. (Matt. 5:22, Rom. 12:19, James 1:20)
- **P** Lord have mercy.

#### C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

P Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for your trespasses and raised for your justification. He gives you a new heart and puts a new Spirit within you. He removes your heart of stone and gives you a heart of flesh. Your sins are forgiven, go in peace. Amen. (Rom. 4:25, Ezek. 36:26)

#### + Prayer of the Day +

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from you full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- + Imposition of Ashes +
- + Scripture Readings +

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2:12–19 Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10 Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:1–6,16–21

#### Hymn: O Love, How Deep

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy, That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.

For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore; For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.

For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign; For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

- + Sermon +
- + Offering +
- + Prayers +

#### + Lord's Prayer +

- P Taught by our Lord, and trusting His promise, we are bold to pray:
- Cour Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

#### + Benediction +

- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and preserve you.
- C Amen.

#### Hymn: O Christ, You Walked the Road

O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r
And fought our ancient foe.

No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts. Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.

No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above. Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.

When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.

O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour
To fight our ancient foe.



### LENT & EASTER SERVICES "GLITTTERING VICES"

Lent Meals begin at 5:30pm Lent Services begin at 6:30pm



#### LENT SERVICES

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday "Gluttony & Fasting"

March 1st

Meal: Breakfast Serving: Bell Choir

Service: "Greed & Generosity"

March 8th

Meal: Soup & Hot Dogs Serving: Missions Board

Service: "Pride & Humility"

March 15th

Meal: Tacos Serving: Education Board Service: "Sloth & Diligence"

March 22nd

Meal: Lasagna Serving: Altar Guild

Service: "Envy & Kindness"

March 29th

Meal: Potato Bar Serving: Care Team

Service: "Anger & Forgiveness"

April 6th

Maundy Thursday Service:

April 7th

Good Friday

Service:

**EASTER MORNING** 

April 9th at 6:30am

Service:

April 9th at 7:30am

Breakfast:

Served by Elders

April 9th at 9:00am

Service:

