

- ²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.
- ³**For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.**
- ⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**
- ⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- ⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.
- ⁷**Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.**
- ⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**
- ⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.
- ¹¹**Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.**
- ¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**
- ¹³Let me teach your ways | to offenders,
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.
- ¹⁴Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵**O LORD, o- | pen my lips,
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.**
- ¹⁶**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**
- ¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

*God's
reconciling
activity in
the death of
Christ
reaches into
the depths
of our lives
to bring us
into a right
relationship
with God.
In this way,
God accepts
us into the
reality of
divine
salvation.*

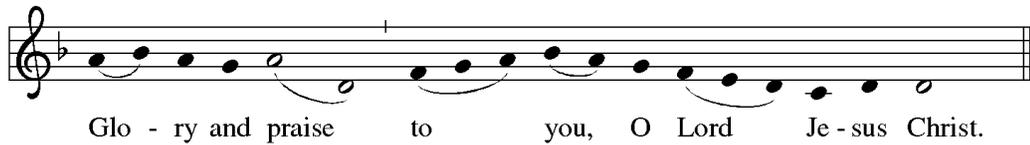
Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

+Gospel Acclamation



+Gospel Reading

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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. ²So 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. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵And 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. ⁶But 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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. ¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Alan Bray

+Hymn of the Day *“Restore in Us, O God”*

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Imposition of Ashes

(Those who desire to receive the imposition of ashes come forward to the altar.)

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Michael Larkin

Post Imposition Prayer

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+Prayers of Intercession

+Sharing of the Peace

Meal

Offering *“Softly and Tenderly”*

Will L. Thompson

+Offertory Prayer

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A: Go forth into the world...the Holy Spirit.	
C: Thanks be to God.	
Sending Music <i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	Mark Hayes

The assembly departs in silence.

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