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Midweek Lenten Services 2023
6:30 p.m.

Psalm 51 Liturgy

written by Jay Beech

Centering Prayer

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to reflect on the following poem, offer your own words of prayer or worship, or sit in silent meditation)

“To Come Home to Yourself” by John O’Donohue

May all that is unforgiven in you
Be released.

May your fears yield
Their deepest tranquilities.

May all that is un-lived in you
Blossom into a future
Graced with love.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

+WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP+

***Opening Song:** **“Have Mercy on Me, O God”** *(Psalm 51:1-5)*

Leader: I was brought forth in iniquity. Behold, in sin was I conceived.

Refrain

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff is labeled 'All' and the second staff is labeled 'Congregation'. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final quarter rest on the first staff and a double bar line on the second staff. The lyrics 'Have mer-cy on me, O God, ac- cord-ing to your stead-fast love;' are written below the notes.

All Have mer-cy on me, O God, ac- cord-ing to your stead-fast love;

Have mer-cy on me, O God, ac- cord-ing to your stead-fast love;

Leader: (sings the verses)

Congregation: Refrain (above)

*A Lenten Litany

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them.

God created humanity in the image of God, according to the likeness of God.

Yet disobedience, blame, shame, sin and death entered the world through our ancestors.

Have mercy on us, O God.

(Time of silence)

Christ has given himself for our sins and set us free from all the power of sin and the devil.

We believe, Lord, help our unbelief. Amen.

Song: "Secret Heart" and "Song of Deliverance" (Psalm 51:6-14)

Leader:

Behold your desire: truth within the deepest part of me.

In my heart of hearts give me wisdom,

Wisdom in my secret heart; wisdom in my secret heart.

All

Purge me with hys-sop and I shall be clean; wash me, and

I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with glad-ness, fill me with

joy; let the bones which you have broken re-joice. Hide your

face from all of my sins, and blot out my in-i-qui-ties.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and

put a new spir-it a-right with-in me. Cast me not a-

way from your pre-sence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of sal - va - tion, a will - ing
 spir - it sus - tain with - in me. Then will I teach trans -
 gres - sors your ways, and sin - ners will come, re - turn - ing to
 you. From blood - guilt - i - ness, de - liv - er me, God, O
 God of my sal - va - tion, and then my
 tongue will sing out loud, will sing of your de -
 liv - er - ance; and then my tongue will sing out
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Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-12 (Read responsively)

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

¹²**even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

Scripture Reflection

Pastor Brett

Hymn:

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Prayers of the People

*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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;**

and 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.

Sending Song

“The Sacrifice Acceptable”

(Psalm 51:15-17)

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'All'. The lyrics are: 'The sa - cri-fice ac - cept - a-ble: a bro - ken heart, a'. The second staff continues: 'bro - ken heart. The sa - cri-fice ac - cept - a-ble: a'. The third staff continues: 'bro-ken spir-it, a con-trite heart; a bro-ken spir-it, a con-trite'. The fourth staff begins with the tempo marking 'Fine' and continues: 'heart. O - pen my lips and my mouth shall de-clare your You have no joy in my burnt of-fer-ing. My'. The fifth staff concludes: 'praise, O Lord, your praise, O Lord. sa - cri - fice brings no de - light.' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

All

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Blessing for the Journey

May the mercy of God reach out and heal you.
May you go with a clean heart, and a willing spirit.
May the presence of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and gladness.
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**