



Miller Chapel
Princeton Theological Seminary

Ash Wednesday
March 9, 2011 - 11:30 a.m.

We gather in silence. Please be mindful of those who are praying.

“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights” (green #129, stanzas 1-4)

Prayer of the Day

Psalm 51:1-12

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Litany of Penitence

Let us pray.

**Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:

The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

we confess to you, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways

and our exploitation of other people,

we confess to you, O God.

Our anger at our own frustration

and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

we confess to you, O God.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,

and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

we confess to you, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship,

and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

we confess to you, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering

and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

accept our repentance, O God.

For all false judgments,

for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,

and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

accept our repentance, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation

and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

accept our repentance, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

“Give Me a Clean Heart” (solo)

Assurance of Pardon

Imposition of Ashes

All who desire the imposition of ashes or a blessing may come forward.

Imposition will be made on the forehead or the hand.

(If you prefer the latter, please extend your hand.)

"Give Me a Clean Heart"

Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee. Lord, fix my heart so that
I may be used by Thee. For I'm not worthy of all these
blessings. Give me a clean heart, Lord, and I'll fol-low Thee.

The musical score is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

"Take, O Take Me As I Am"

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The musical score is written in two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Closing Prayer from Psalm 139:7-12, 23-24

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.
**Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" (green #129, stanzas 5 and 6)

Benediction

We depart in silence.

Liturgists: Victor Aloyo, Jan Ammon, Dennis Olson and Yolanda Pierce
Musicians: Chi Yi Chen and William Heard

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*Consider beginning your Lenten Journey with a prayer walk through the **Labyrinth**.
The Labyrinth will be set up in the Gambrell Room, Scheide Hall.
TODAY, March 9, 8:30am to 11:00pm
Tomorrow, March 10, 8:30am to 11:00pm
Friday, March 11, 8:30am to 4:00pm*