

Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast.

Joel 2:16a

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

2 Corinthians 6:1

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit

*Out of deep, unordered water God created light and land,
world of bird and beast and, later, in God's image, humankind.*

There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.

Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.

*Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God,
is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.*

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Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Baptismal Blessing

Response

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

First Lesson

Psalm 46:1-3

+Response

Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrew's climb ashore.

Life is hallowed by the knowledge God has been this way before.

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First Pew From Afar

Second Lesson

Isaiah 58:6-9

+Response

*... and God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:*

*yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

Third Lesson

Psalm 51:7-12

Response

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy on us.

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Reading

+Response

God of the sparrow, God of the whale,

God of the swirling stars,

How does the creature say Awe?

How does the creature say Praise?

God of the earthquake, God of the storm,

God of the trumpet blast,

How does the creature cry Woe?

How does the creature cry Save?

Imposition of Ashes

+Response

*Sign us with ashes, merciful God,
children of dust, as to dust we return.*

Sign us with ashes, merciful God.

Mark us and make us your own

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Prayer

***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Sending**

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.

I God I trust. In God, I trust.

***Blessing**

May you awaken to the inseparable love of God by the very breathing you are not in charge of.

Scott Erickson

Our true buddha-nature has no shape. And the dust of affliction has no form.

Bodhidharma

We are all in a perpetual cycle of new beginnings

Zim Flores

All we are is dust in the wind.

Kansas

**Please rise in
body and spirit.*

Opening Prayer

St. Francis of Assisi

Lesson One Translation

New Revised

Standard Version

Lesson Two Translation

The Message

Lesson Three Translation

Nan Merrill

Blessing

Jan Richardson

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**The Holy Dunkers Fundraiser
Saturday, March 26, 12:00pm - 2:00pm**

(and no, it is not a baptism, I don't think!)

What started out to be a joke about Climate Action Campaign's annual fundraiser involving a person dipping in a river in February to raise money for climate action - without expecting any takers - has turned unto our very own SPC Holy Dunkers Fundraising Project!

Our courageous leaders, Pastor Gusti and Deacon Co-Moderator Debbie Romano, volunteered to participate. We are also taking new volunteers for this courageous dunking! You can choose between pouring a bucket of flowing water over your head or dunking in the Potomac.

Come on – you know this is a (as the late Pete Madeo often iterated) “once in a lifetime experience”! You would not want to miss out. And guys, it's a VERY inclusive event! (They have told me I shouldn't do it because I am organizing and it would be a conflict – I am SO disappointed!)

We also need sponsors, several who will match other donors' contributions. I will be one of those – we do have to support these courageous dunkers. The money raised will go to buying native plants for the Habitat House, for the church, if we have enough, native plants for congregants who want to start converting their lawns to native habitats (think- less mowing and no leave raking advised). There is a movement about to convert lawns into native habitats for beneficial insects and birds to combat devastating extinction of these critters due to habitat loss.

So come along and join one way or the other in this fun event! Contact Chris Madeo (cmadeo@myactv.net or 301-988-4050) for further information, to volunteer as a dunker, or to sponsor a dunker.

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Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

7:00 p.m.

from Earth Prayers: A Sacred Place

Magnolia, loblolly bay, sweet gum, Southern bayberry, Pacific bayberry;
wherever grow there are many of us;
Monterey pine, sugar pine, white-bark pine, four-leaf pine,
single-leaf pine, foxtail pine, Jeffrey pine, bishop pine.

You know we have grown this way for years.
And to no purpose you can understand.
Yet what you fail to know we know,
and the knowing is in us,
how we have grown this way,
why these years were not one of them heedless,
why we are shaped the way we are,
not all straight in your purpose, but to ours.
And how we are each purpose,
how each cell, how light and soil are in us,
how we are the soil, how we are the air,
how we are both infinitesimal and great
and how we are infinitely without any purpose you can see,
in the way we stand, each alone, yet none of us separable,
none of us beautiful when separate but all exquisite as we stand,
each moment heeded in this cycle, no detail unlovely.

Susan Griffin

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