The background is an abstract composition of various colors including blue, red, yellow, green, and purple, with a prominent white vertical stripe running down the center. The colors are layered and textured, creating a sense of depth and movement.

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MATTHEW 6:21

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Ash Wednesday

Psalm 51 (read responsively)

C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Exhortation

Confession

P: Most holy and merciful Father:

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We have been deaf 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.

C: Have Mercy on us, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

C: We confess to you, Lord.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

C: We confess to you, Lord.

P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

C: We confess to you, Lord.

P: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

C: We confess to you, Lord.

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

C: We confess to you, Lord.

P: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Conclusion of Confession

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.

C: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and Passion of you Son, our Lord,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Absolution

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and ever-living God,

All: You hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whos lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading

Isalah 58:1-12

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon "Whose Brand Are You Wearing?"

Sermon Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LBW # 109

Prayers of the Church

Bruce Gerking and Carol Speth

Offering/Offertory "I Love to Tell the Story"

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Offertory Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

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"Lamb of God"

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Holy Communion

Post Communion Canticle (spoken) "Lord, now you let"

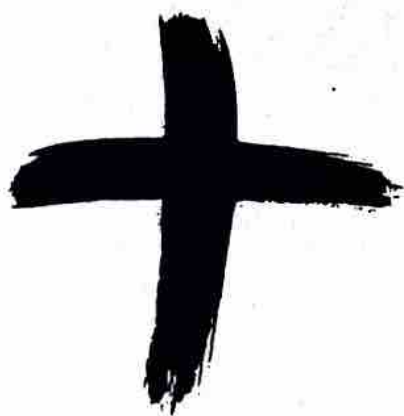
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Post Communion Prayer

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Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" LBW # 99



FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming,
it is near—

³a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
nor will be again after them
in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with
mourning;

¹³Tend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast
love,
and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not
turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD,
weep.

Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,
and do not make your heritage a
mockery,
a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,
"Where is their God?"

or Isaiah 58:1-12 [not printed]

Psalm 51:1-17**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 [not printed]****GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "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.

²"So 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.

⁵"And 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.

¹⁶"And 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.

¹⁹"Do 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."

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

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