

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All things come from you, O God, and with praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, that we might have abundant and eternal life. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all that you have done, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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 trespassed against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## HYMN OF REFLECTION BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

#297

WORDS BY ELIZABETH C. CLEPHANE

MUSIC BY FREDERICK C. MAKER

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1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day. Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

## BENEDICTION

*Lord In Your Mercy...  
Hear Our Prayers*

*Please continue to keep friends & families listed on our prayer request list in mind as you pray throughout the rest of this week. Thank you.*

## Ash Wednesday



## "Be Reconciled to God In Your Heart"

February 17, 2021

Worship Online

7:30 AM & 6:00 PM



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship, and the Imposition of Ashes can be a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. This practice is the historic focus of Ash Wednesday observance and gave the day its name.

### PRELUDE

*O, SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED*

HANS HASSLER & J.S. BACH

### WORDS OF WELCOME

REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God, we are dirty and need more than bleach for cleansing.

**For you, Lord God, are able. Able to erase our wrongs. Scrub away our guilt. You are the only one able to wash us clean from our sins.**

God, you are merciful and compassionate. Your love is everlasting.

**We have done wrong - repeatedly - and we continue to violate the commands of your word.**

Help us to:

Turn away from the calls of worldly success.

**We repent, and turn back to God.**

Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has.

**We repent, and turn back to God.**

Turn away from greed and the race for power.

**We repent, and turn back to God. As we enter Lent, may we turn back to God. May we seek forgiveness, may we seek healing, may we seek wholeness. May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship.**

### WASHING OF HANDS & HEARTS

### HYMN

*LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS*

#269

WORDS BY CLAUDIA F. HERNAMAN  
MUSIC FROM AN AMERICAN FOLK MELODY  
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1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**2 COR 5:20B-6:10**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

### HYMN

*MUST JESUS BEAR THE CROSS ALONE*

#424

WORDS BY THOMAS SHEPHERD & OTHERS  
MUSIC BY GEORGE N. ALLEN  
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1. Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.
2. How happy are the saints above, who once went sorrowing here! But now they taste unmingled love, and joy without a tear.
3. The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free; and then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.

### GOSPEL LESSON

**JOEL 2:1-2; 12-16**

### SERMON

**"BE RECONCILED TO GOD IN YOUR HEART"**

### HYMN

*WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS*

#526

WORDS BY JOSEPH M. SCRIVEN  
MUSIC BY CHARLES C. CONVERSE

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

## INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Repent, and believe the gospel.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept our repentance, forgive our sins, and restore us by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. Amen.