

## THE RECEIVING OF ASHES

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are eternal, we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth. As we receive these ashes, make them a sign for us of repentance and returning to you. Breathe into us again the breath of life. Blessed be God for ever.

## 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.

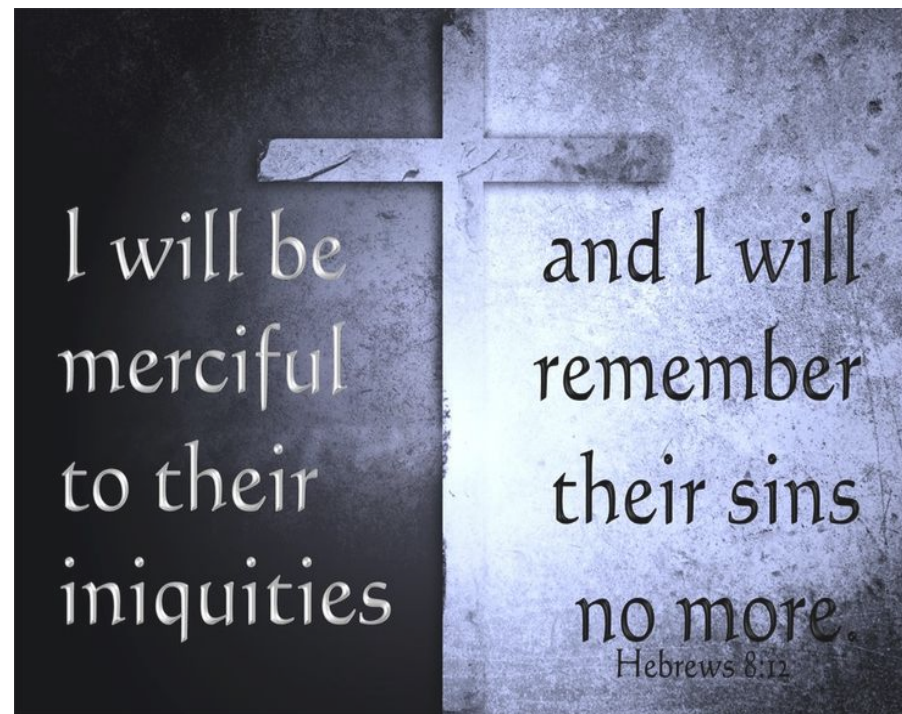
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART*  
AUTHOR UNKNOWN



**“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”**

**Psalm 51:1-17**

*Ash Wednesday*

March 2, 2022

Service & Prayer Time in the Sanctuary  
7:00 AM



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*O, SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED*  
HANS HASSLER & J.S. BACH

## WORDS OF WELCOME

REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

Sisters and brothers in Christ, from the earliest days of the Church, Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

At first this season was observed by those who were preparing for baptism at Easter and by those who, having been excommunicated, were to be restored to the communion of the church. By keeping these days with care and attention Christians might take to heart the call of repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and grow in faith and devotion to our Lord.

So, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer and fasting, by self-denial and acts of generosity and by reading and meditating on the word of God, let us keep a holy Lent.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, have mercy on us.  
Incarnate Word, redeemer of the world,

**have mercy on us.**

Abiding Spirit, giver of light and life,  
**have mercy on us.**

For turning away from your presence, for disobeying your word  
and commandments,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For trusting in our own strength instead of yours, for betraying  
your trust and the trust of others,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For resisting your grace and refusing your blessings, for holding  
back from proclaiming our faith in you,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For damaging this earth and exploiting its creatures, for neglecting  
and wasting the gifts you have given us,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For failing to forgive as we have been forgiven, for judging others  
and bearing grudges,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For skimping on our commitments and relationships, for failing in  
hospitality,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For tolerating oppression, injustice, and wrong, for keeping silent  
when we should have spoken up,

**forgive us, Lord.**

For turning away when others have offered us love, for closing our  
hearts when others have needed compassion,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For all we have done unkindly, unjustly and dishonestly, for our  
careless speech and hurtful words,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

Most merciful God,

**we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what  
we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are  
sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and  
obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**  
With our hearts turned to God in repentance, with the knowledge of  
our sins laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ, in the name of the  
living God, your sins are forgiven. Receive God's mercy, take hold of  
your forgiveness, and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, walk in the light  
of Christ. **Amen.**

## HYMN

*LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS*

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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

PSALM 51:1-17

## DEVOTIONAL

*“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD”*

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE