

# INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

## 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.

## HYMN OF REFLECTION BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

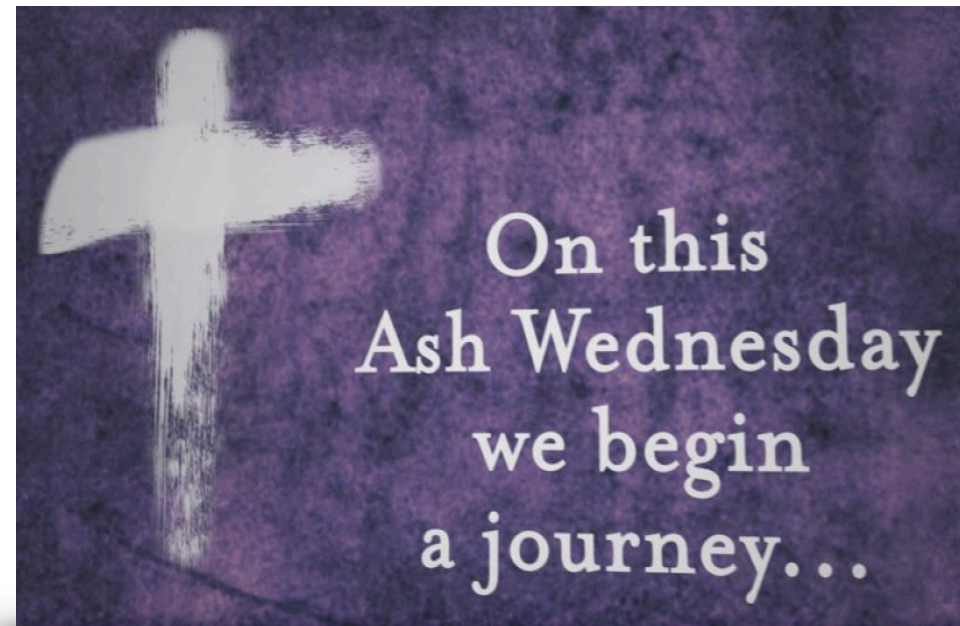
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MUSIC BY FREDERICK C. MAKER  
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1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
2. 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.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE MATIN POSTLUDE GORDON YOUNG



**“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”  
Psalm 51:1-17**

## *Ash Wednesday*

March 2, 2022

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online

6:00 PM



*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.*



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE *BE THOU MY VISION* HAROLD RUTZ

## MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP *WHAT WILNDROUS LOVE IS THIS* AMEICAN FOLK SONG

## 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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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.

## 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

### *AH, HOLY JESUS*

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WORDS BY JOHANN HEERMMANN  
MUSIC BY JOHANN CRÜGER  
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1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee! 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.
3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered. For our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.
4. For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

### PSALM 51:1-17

## SERMON

### *“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD”*

## HYMN

### *HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR*

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1. Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!
2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood; sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!
3. Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he; full atonement can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!
4. Lifted up was he to die; "It is finished!" was his cry; now in heaven exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!
5. When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!