



*"Meeting people at their point of need; Inviting all into a dynamic relationship with Christ"*

## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

7:00 pm



*We gather in silence. Please be mindful of those who are praying.*

### Prelude

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

People: **God's love endures forever.**

#### INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

#### \*HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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#### LITANY OF LENT

Leader: Jesus was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness and tempted by the devil.

People: **We remember the forty days of the great flood; Noah was saved with his family and two of every kind of living creature.**

Leader: We remember the forty years of wandering in the wilderness; the children of Israel came out of Egypt and looked forward to finding the land of promise.

People: **We remember Moses neither eating nor drinking for forty days and nights while he received the Law at Mount Sinai and spoke with God.**

Leader: We remember Elijah traveling for forty days towards the mountain of God on the strength of food given to him by an angel.

People: **We remember Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus in the temple when he was forty days old, a light to the Gentiles and the glory of Israel.**

Leader: We remember Jesus fasting forty days and forty nights in the wilderness knowing the feel of earthly temptations.

People: **We remember Jesus, a man not yet forty years old, suffering and dying.**

Leader: We remember Jesus appearing again to his followers over forty days before he ascended to the right hand of God.

ALL: **Praise be to you, O God, for all your mighty acts. Strengthen us in every hour of testing, guide us in the ways of love and truth and peace through our forty days of repentance to the time of resurrection.**

#### ANTHEM

Have Mercy, O Lord (Ps. 51)

Arcadelt/arr. Hopson

*Have mercy, O Lord, by your steadfast love remove all my sins; in your mercy, hear me.*

*Against you, you alone have I sinned O Lord. May truth be in my heart, may wisdom guide my being.*

*Restore the joy Your salvation now send; then will I sing your glory. O hear my prayer; Lord in your mercy hear us.*

#### CALL TO REPENTANCE

Leader: Rend your heart and not your garments, return to your God.

People: **For God is merciful and gracious, and abounding in steadfast love.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and**

deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your great mercy forgive our sins, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Create in us a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us.

*(Moment for Personal Confession)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

People: **As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our sins from us. Thanks be to God!**

Words and music by Keith Green

Cre-ate in me a clean heart— O God and re-new a right  
spi-rit with-in me. 1. Cast me not a-way from thy pre-sence O  
Lord, and take not thy Ho-ly Spi-rit from me. Re-store un-to  
me the joy of thy sal-va-tion and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. *Da Capo*

WORD OF GOD

1 Peter 2:1-10

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MEDITATION

*Identity*

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### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Questions: Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Do you trust in Him and promise to follow as He leads you on the journey of faith?

**Apostles' Creed: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*As water is placed on your hand the Pastor will say,*

*"Remember your baptism, you are a child of God." You are invited to respond, "Thanks be to God."*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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### CLOSING SENTENCES

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

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

Leader: By the cross and passion of our Savior, bring us with all your saints to the joy of your resurrection.

### DEPART IN SILENCE

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