



**LEADER**

**March 5, 2025**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Service of Communion &  
the Imposition of Ashes**

**7:00 p.m.**

Liturgist: Jean Luce

*Welcome!*

*We're glad you are here to worship with us,  
whether in-person or virtually on Zoom or YouTube.*

The season of Lent offers us the opportunity to reflect on those things that pull us away from God and neighbor. These forty days, not including Sundays, serve as a reminder of Jesus' forty days of temptation in the wilderness as well as the Israelites' forty years of wandering in the desert—seasons of discernment.

This service of ashes marks the beginning of Lent, both figuratively and literally. The ashes remind us of our mortality and our flawed nature. As you enter this season, you might want to develop your own observance of it.

## **Gathering the People of God**

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO LENT**

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The love of God be with you!  
⌘ **And also with you!**

### **CENTERING TIME & LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

*"Abide With Me"*  
BY WILLIAM HENRY MONK

Ted Gibson  
*Pianist*

*We use this time to center our spirits, bring our attention to God within our breath, and remember that we are connected to all things through the Body of Christ.*

*Candles remind us of the light of God's love that exists within each human being and every created thing. The candles on the communion table represent the light of community. The single candle near the pulpit is the paschal candle, the light of Christ that shines on and in the world, and the darkness cannot overcome it.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world,

But that the world might be saved through him.

**‡ God's love endures forever.**

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Though the waters roar and foam,

Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**‡ God's love endures forever.**

**\*HYMN**

*"Day is Done"*

#676

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

*From Psalm 51*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**‡ Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again

And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**‡ I shall teach your ways to the wicked,**

**And sinners shall return to you.**

Deliver me from death, O God,

And my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,

O God of my salvation.

**‡ Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,

But you take no delight in burnt offerings.

**‡ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;**

**A broken and contrite heart, O God you will not despise.**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE<sup>1,2</sup>**

We are forgiven by God's grace;

we are made new by God's love, for reasons other than ourselves.

**‡ We are made new so that we might renew**

**the goodness of God's creation.**

**Let us rejoice and give thanks to God,**

**in whom we have hope for the sake of the world!**

## **Listening for God's Word**

**ANTHEM**

*"A Lenten Prayer"*

Chancel Choir

HAL HOPSON

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.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,  
he had to walk it by himself;  
oh, nobody else could walk it for him,  
he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley,  
we have to walk it by ourselves;  
oh, nobody else can walk it for us,  
we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial,  
you have to stand it by yourself,  
oh, nobody else can stand it for you,  
you have to stand it by yourself.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,  
yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

## PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING<sup>2</sup>

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

OT pg. 688  
NT pg. 5

Word of wisdom,  
word of grace.  
‡ **Thanks be to God.**

### MEDITATION

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## Responding to God's Word

### \*RESPONSE

*"Holy Spirit, Come to Us"*

#284

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response: "Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us; kin-dle in us the fire of your love." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us. Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us." The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### INVITATION TO OBSERVE A LENTEN DISCIPLINE

# The Lord's Supper

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

⌘ **We lift them to our Creator.**

Let us give thanks to God.

⌘ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O God, it is truly right and our greatest joy ...

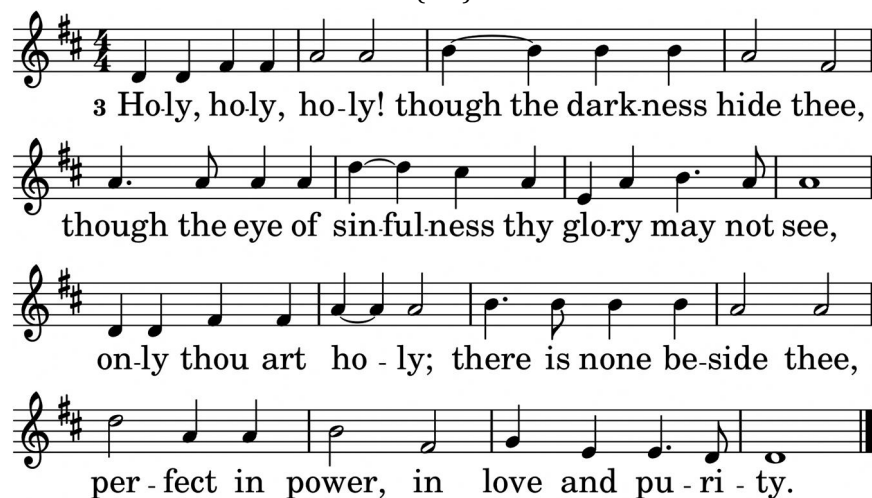
... And so, with heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place, we sing of your glory:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

#1

(v. 3)



3 Holy, holy, ho-ly! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sin-ful-ness thy glo-ry may not see,  
on-ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be-side thee,  
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.

Out of your great love for the world, you sent Jesus to live among us to set us free from the tyranny of evil. He lived as one of us,

## PRAYER OF JESUS (Modern)

⌘ **Our Creator in Heaven,**

**hallowed be your name.**

**Your kin-dom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our debts,**

as we forgive our debtors.  
Keep us from temptation,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory,  
are yours now and forever. Amen.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### \*SIGN OF THE CROSS & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Remember your mortality and God's call to repentance  
and receive the elements of God's goodness,  
as we remember God's immortal and eternal love.*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.  
‡ In life and in death, we belong to God.

### \*COMMUNION HYMN "Jesus, Remember Me" #227

*Sung as a chant until all are served.*

*(Alternate wording: Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory.)*



## COMMUNION PRAYER

# Sent Out in Jesus' Name

### \*HYMN "Abide with Me" #836

(vv. 1 - 4)

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1: Advent Through Pentecost*, ed. by Kimberly Long (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013), Kindle edition, 89ff.

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1: Advent Through Pentecost*, ed. by Kimberly Long (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014), Kindle edition, 91ff.

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