



**WEDNESDAY EVENING
WORSHIP**

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

Service of Communion &
the Imposition of Ashes

7:00 p.m. Worship

Liturgist: Ken Moe

Welcome!

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

To Ponder as we gather: What does the season of Lent mean to you? Has your understanding of it changed over the years? How do you plan to observe it this year?

We Gather for Worship

*Congregation rises in body or in spirit

‡Congregation reads in unison

Welcome & Introduction to Lent

Reverend Shelly Moe

The love of God be with you!

‡ **And also with you!**

Centering Time and Entrance of the Light

"Abide With Me"

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

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.**

“The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ending”
(vs. 1-4)

Prayer Of Confession *taken from Psalm 51*

⌘ **Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!**

Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

**Wash me completely clean of my guilt;
purify me from my sin!**

**Because I know my wrongdoings,
my sin is always right in front of me.**

I’ve sinned against you—you alone.

I’ve committed evil in your sight.

**That’s why you are justified when you render your
verdict, completely correct when you issue your
judgment.**

**Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean;
wash me and I will be whiter than snow.**

**Let me hear joy and celebration again;
let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.**

**Create a clean heart for me, God;
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!**

**Return the joy of your salvation to me
and sustain me with a willing spirit.**

**Deliver me from violence, O God of my salvation,
so that my tongue can sing of your righteousness.**

**Open my lips,
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

Assurance Of Grace

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!**

[SEATED] *Response *"Abide with Me"* #836, vs.1, 4

Abide with me: fast falls the even tide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

We Listen for God's Word

Anthem

"Kyrie"
GREG GILPIN

Chancel Choir

*Note: Tonight's anthem: **Kyrie** is taken from the traditional Latin text although these words are written in Greek. Kyrie Eleison means Lord Have mercy. Christe Eleison means Christ have mercy. These two phrases are juxtaposed through this haunting call to reflection.*

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 58:1-12

OT pg. 688

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

NT pg. 5

Word of wisdom, word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

“Lent is For Grownups”

Rev. Shelly Moe

We Respond with Prayer, Generosity

[SEATED] ***Response**

“*Bless the Lord*”

#544, sung 2x

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

The Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

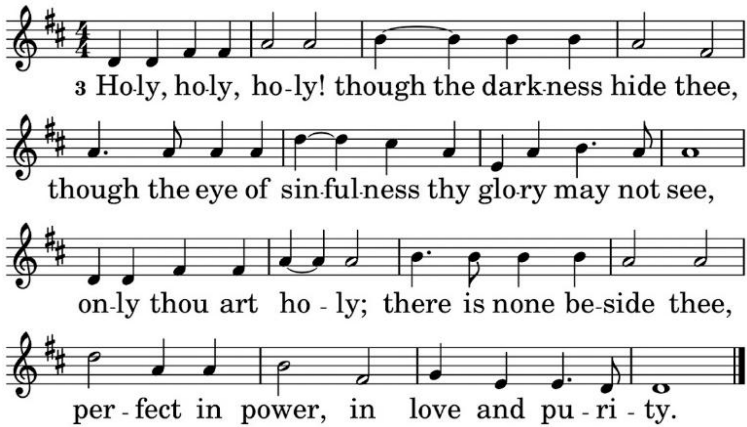
O God, it is truly right and our greatest joy ...

... 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 dark-ness hide thee,
though the eye of sin-ful-ness thy glory 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 (adapted)

⌘ **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 that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

✠ **In life and in death, we belong to God.**

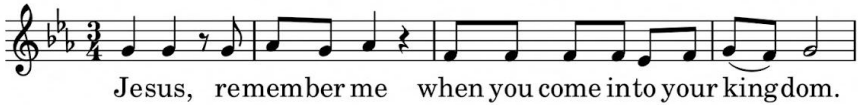
*** Communion Hymn**

“Jesus, Remember Me”

#227

Sung as a chant until all are served.

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



Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Follow Jesus

***Hymn of Sending**

#547

“Go, My Children, With my Blessing”

***Charge And Blessing**

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