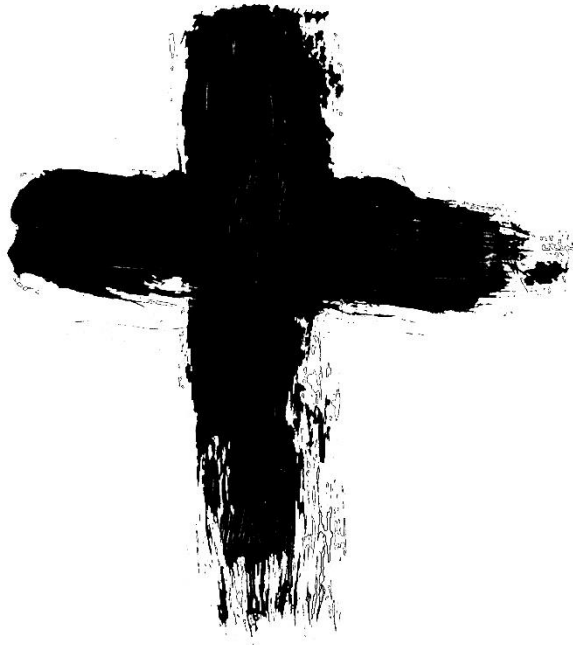


# ASH WEDNESDAY



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## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*A Christian custom on Ash Wednesday is to receive a mark of the cross made with ashes upon the forehead. Ashes are a symbol of repentance and of our mortality, especially as we hear the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." In keeping with the solemn character of Ash Wednesday, there is no pre-service music. The pastor and elder enter in silence.*

*Stand*

### **BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** O God, you desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, and of Your goodness bless ✠ these ashes which we now intend to have placed upon our heads as a sign of humility and the remission of our sins: that we, who acknowledge that we are but dust, and must return to dust by reason of our wickedness, may mercifully obtain the pardon of our sins and the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

***Those who wish to receive ashes should approach the altar. The ashes are imposed on the forehead with these words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."***

**P** Almighty, everlasting God, who bestowed the healing of Your loving-kindness upon the people of Nineveh when they repented in dust and ashes: mercifully grant that we who now imitate them outwardly may be made like them in the obtaining of Your pardon; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **THE LITANY**

**P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**  
**P** O Christ,  
**C** **have mercy.**  
**P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**  
**P** O Christ,  
**C** **hear us.**

YOU ARE  
DUST  
AND TO  
DUST  
YOU SHALL  
RETURN



**P** God the Father in heaven,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** **Spare us, good Lord.**

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat;  
by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** We poor sinners implore You

**C** **to hear us, O Lord.**

**P** To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation;  
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;  
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith;  
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the  
abandoned, and all who stand in our need of prayers;  
to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all;

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers;  
and to graciously hear our prayers;

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** **we implore You to hear us.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



**C** grant us Your peace.

**P** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.

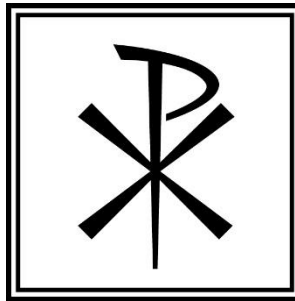
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**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**HYMN**

#609 – "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"



**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Joel 2:12-19*

<sup>12</sup>Thus says the LORD God: "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments."

Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD answered and said to his people,

"Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*2 Peter 1:2-11*

<sup>2</sup>[Dearly Beloved:] Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 6:16-21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>[At that time Jesus said to His disciples:] "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

<sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

#611 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be

**SERMON ON 2 PETER 1:2-11**

**"Lent with Jesus"**



## OFFERTORY

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.



## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



# LORD'S PRAYER

## Our Father...

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PAX DOMINI



The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

#### AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



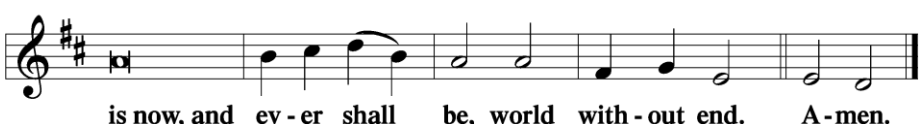
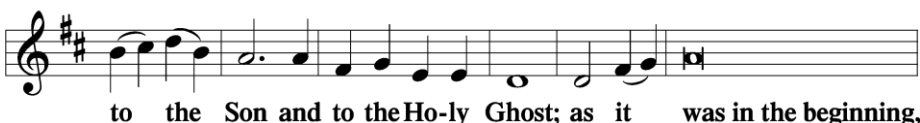
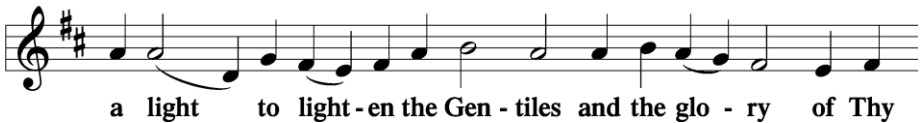
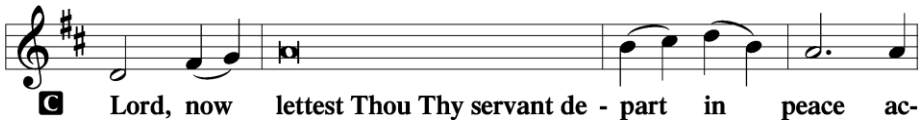
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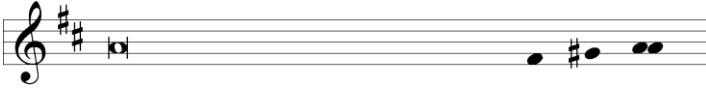
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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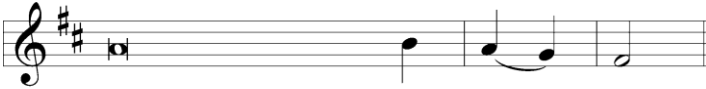
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## THANKSGIVING



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

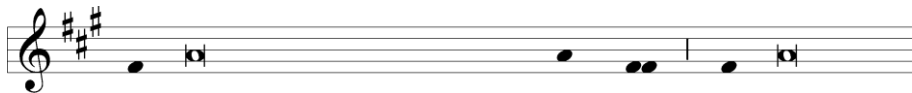


**A** Bless we the Lord.

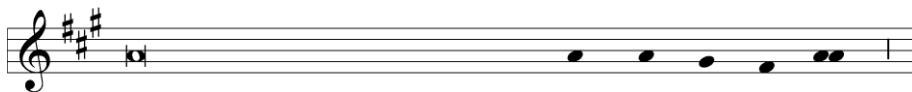


**C** Thanks be to God.

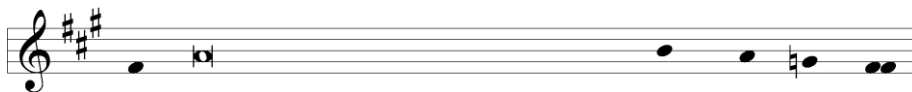
## BENEDICTION



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

#550 – "Lamb of God"



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