

**Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2018**

*(*indicates standing as you are able.)*

PRELUDE "As the Deer" by Nystrom

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for we shall praise him, our help and our God.

—from Psalm 42:5; 124:8, NRSV

HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" vs 1 269
**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.**

SCRIPTURE Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" vs 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.**

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" vs 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.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" vs 4
**And through these days of penitence, and through thy passio[n]tide,
yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.**

MEDITATION

HYMN "Change My Heart, O God" 2152

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
According to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity

And cleanse me from my sin.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;

You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation

And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Amen.

—from Psalm 51:1-2, 6, 10-12, NIV

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our
iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, and
with his stripes we are healed. —based on Isaiah 40:11; 53:4-5

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

"At the Table of the Lord" by Jay Althouse

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Trust in Jesus" arr. Waller

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our
whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have
not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled
against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have
not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for
joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you
are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The pastor prays, concluding: *And so, with your people on earth and
all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their
unending hymn*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The pastor prays, concluding, *As we proclaim the mystery of faith*)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(The pastor continues, concluding with –all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever)

Amen! The pastor concludes saying: *And now with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*using the word sins and sin*)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion is by intinction; please come forward as directed.

Those desiring *Imposition of ashes* are invited to move toward this station before receiving communion.

You are invited to pray at the railing as you are led.

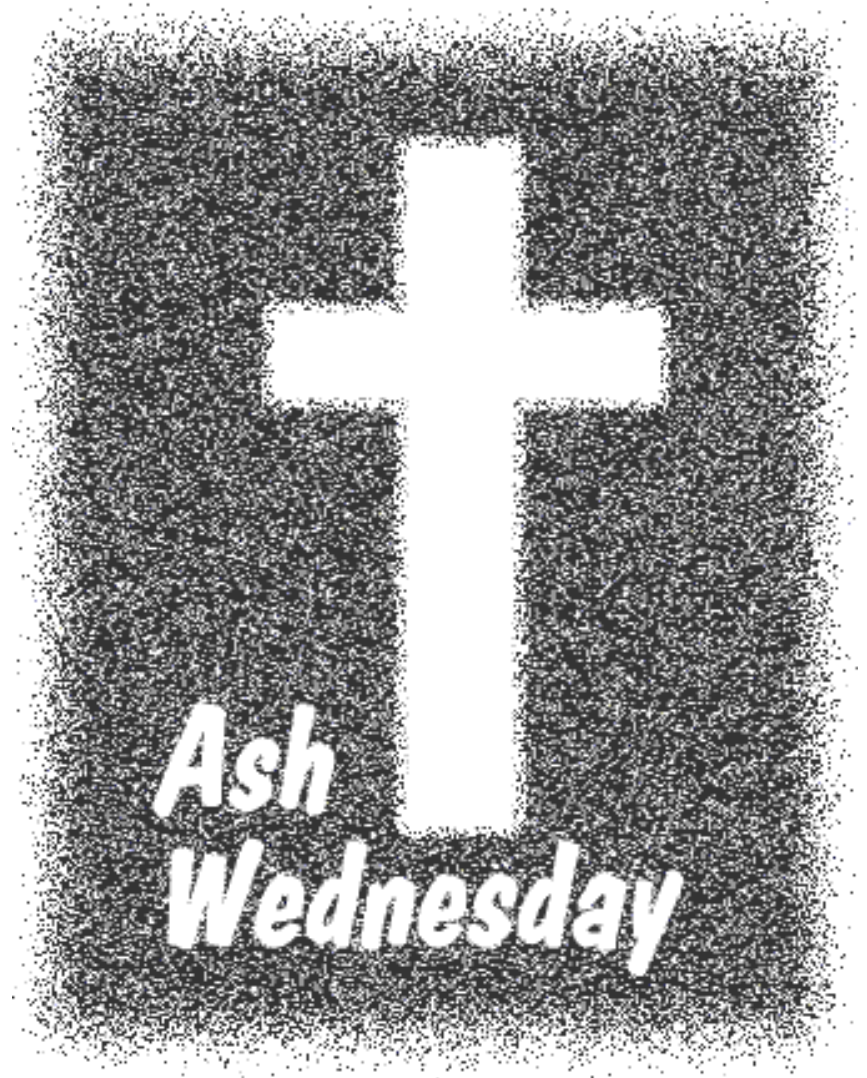
*HYMN "Amazing Grace" 378

*THE BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE "Go Now in Peace" by Besig

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