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All-Encompassing
Hospitality*

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March 5, 2025

6:00 p.m.

A SERVICE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

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.

PRAYER OF THE EVENING

*HYMN NO. 166 "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN
(words and music on next page)

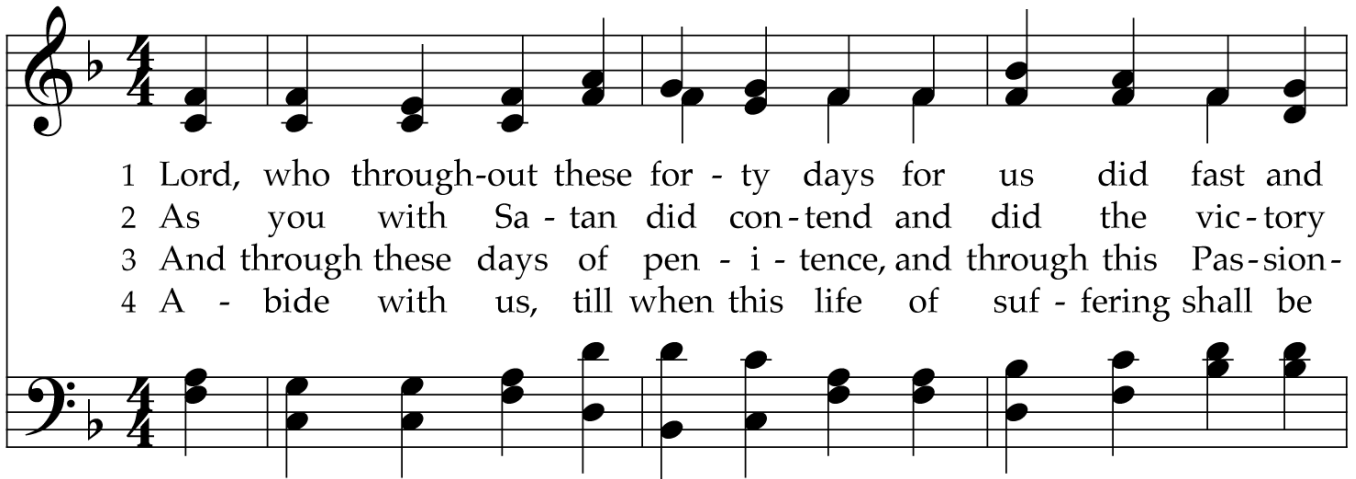
THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

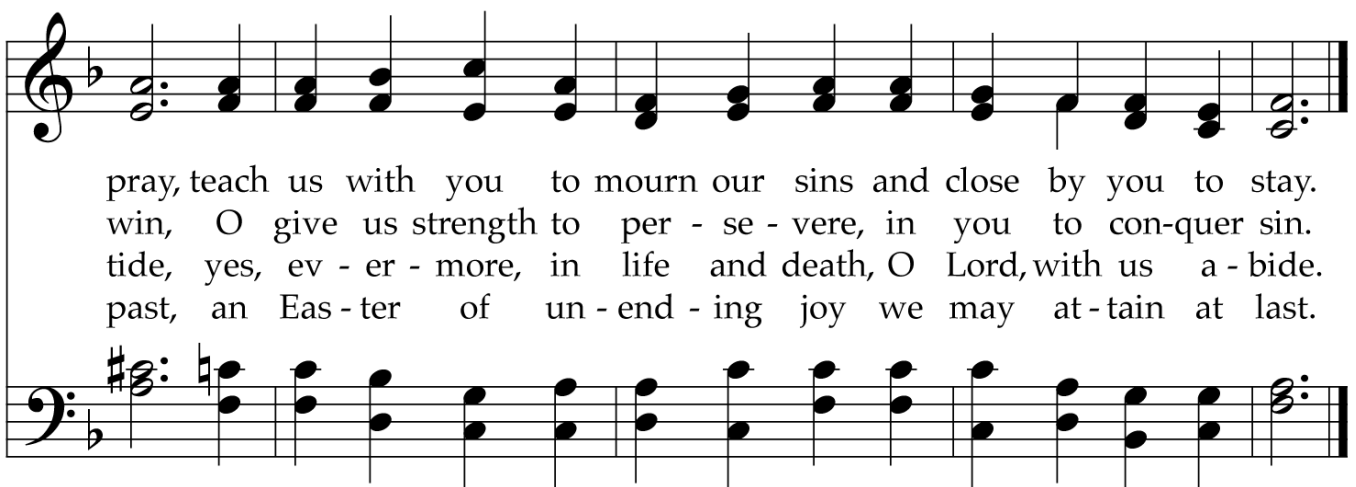
FIRST LESSON Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 O.T. pg. 800
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.

ANTHEM

“Turn Thy Face From My Sins”

Thomas Attwood

*Turn Thy face from my sins,
And put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away, away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

N.T. pg. 5

MEDITATION

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

LITANY OF PENITENCE (*responsive*)

Let us pray.

Holy and merciful God, we confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven,

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to Your call to serve as Christ served us,

Have mercy on us, O God.

Silence is observed

We confess to You, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

We confess to You, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,

We confess to You, O God.

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of other people,

We confess to You, O God.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to You, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship,

We confess to You, O God.

Silence is observed

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, O God.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let Your anger depart from us.

Favorably hear us, O God, for Your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES (*responsive*)

Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by Your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

As you are prompted by an usher, you are invited to come forward to receive the imposition of ashes. Please keep a holy silence.

After the imposition of ashes, the congregation prays responsively:

RESPONSE

“Jesus Remember Me”

Je - sus, re - mem ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je - sus re - mem ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Jesus Remember Me". The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "Je - sus, re - mem ber me when you come in - to your King - dom." are written below the staff. The second staff is identical to the first but ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics "Je - sus re - mem ber me when you come in - to your King - dom." are written below this staff.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 223

“When I Survey the Wonderful Cross”

HAMBURG

(words and music on next page)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

All quietly depart

**Please stand as you are able*

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT

Embodying Jesus’ all-encompassing hospitality

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Often called the Day of Ashes, Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession.

On Ash Wednesday, the congregation is invited to receive ashes on their foreheads. The pastor will dip his or her finger into the ashes, spread them in a cross pattern on the forehead, and say, "From dust you came and from dust you will return."

The ashes of this holiday symbolize two main things: death and repentance (Genesis 2:7). When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults and grow closer to God so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with deeper joy.

Lent and Ash Wednesday are worthy traditions of the church, traditions that started about 1600 years ago. Lent is the 40 days, excluding Sundays, from Ash Wednesday until the day of resurrection, Easter.

Lent originated as the culmination of the three-year process to become a member of the church. It was the last forty days before the person was baptized at sunrise on Easter morning.

Lent is marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where He fasted and where Satan tempted Him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

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