

# Ash Wednesday

Wednesday – February 22, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.  
In-Person Worship & Live-Streamed



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# † Call to Worship †

## Greeting

*Stand*

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## The Imposition of Ashes

**P** Remember: “Dust you are; and to dust shall you return”

*(Genesis 3:19)*

**R** Amen

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Psalms 51:1-13

**P**<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;

**C** according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

**P**<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**C** and cleanse me from my sin!

**P**<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,

**C** and my sin is ever before me.

**P**<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,

**C** so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.

**P**<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

**C** and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**P**<sup>6</sup> Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

**C** and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**P**<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

**C** wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**P**<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;

**C** let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

**P**<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,

**C** and blot out all my iniquities.

**P**<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C** and renew a right spirit within me.

**P**<sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence,

**C** and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**P**<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**P**<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

**C** and sinners will return to you.

*Sit*

### Hymn #427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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### Salutation and Collect for Ash Wednesday

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## † Readings †

### Old Testament Reading: Joel 2:12-19

<sup>12</sup>"Yet even now," declares the LORD,  
"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."

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

<sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .

<sup>16</sup>“And 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.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Hymn #560 “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”

*Psalm 51:17 {2}; John 12:32 {1}; Psalm 51:2 {3}; Galatians 6:10 {4}*

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so  
gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might  
life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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## Sermon Text

<sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

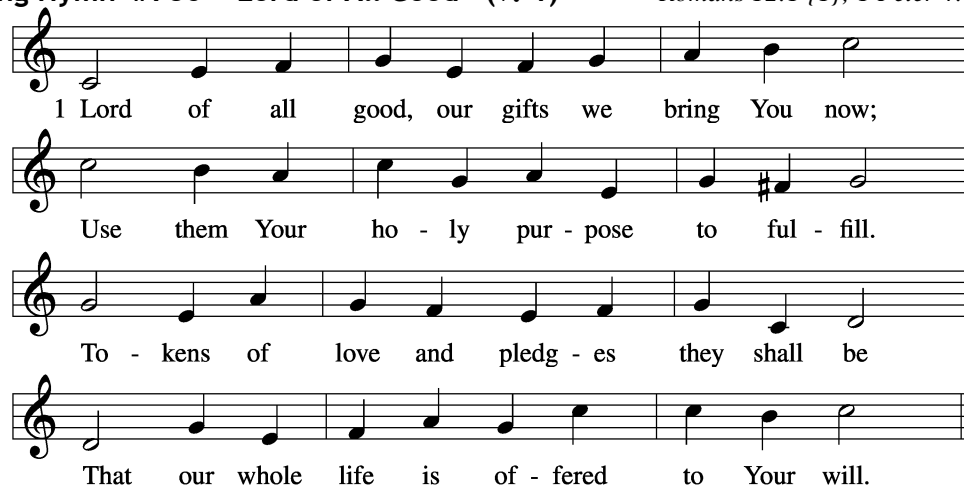
<sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

*Stand*

Offerings are brought to the LORD's altar as we sing the offering hymn:

### Offering Hymn #786 "Lord of All Good" (v. 1)

*Romans 12:1 {1}; 1 Peter 4:10-11 {2}*



1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.  
To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be  
That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.

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## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## $\text{✝}$ Service of the Sacrament $\text{✝}$

*Stand*

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

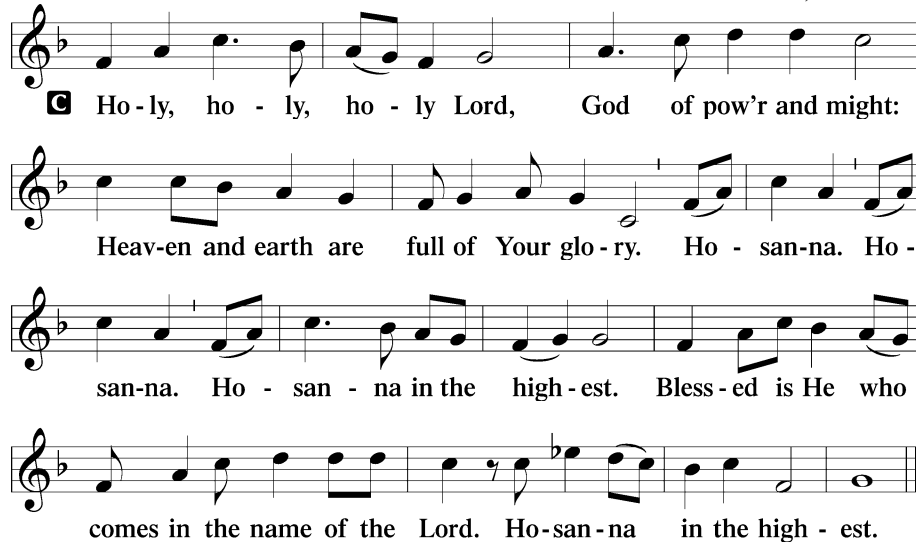
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

John 20:19 LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Sit Distribution

## Stand Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32 LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-  
2 All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All  
part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the  
glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:  
Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-  
For as in the be-gin-ning, Is  
to Your ho-ly hill, The glo-ry of Your  
now, shall ev-er be, God's tri-une name re-  
peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.  
sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.



## Prayer of the Church

### Responses:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

### Final Petition:

**P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lamb of God who has taken away our sin, who has taught us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn #423 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent

whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -

from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

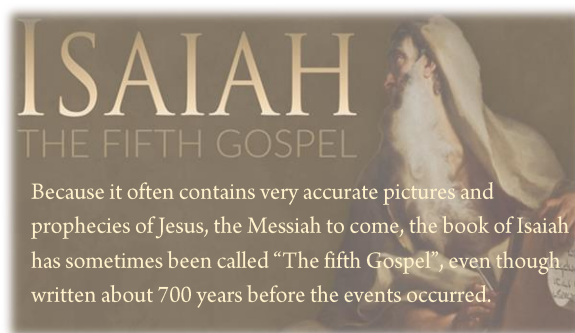
Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our

cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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## 2023 Lenten Schedule--Isaiah's Crucifixion Chronicles

### The Lent Story, according to the "Fifth Gospel"



### The First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 26 – 9:30 a.m.

#### The Epitome of Smiting

(Isaiah 53:3-4)

The Son of God made lower than the low, for us, has *"borne our griefs; smitten by God and afflicted."* All the Sins in all the world for all time were put on Him, and He was put to death.

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