

ALL SAINTS

P R E S B Y T E R I A N

FEBRUARY 18, 2026 · ASH WEDNESDAY

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | **LENT** | EASTER | PENTECOST



THE SEASON OF LENT originated as a time of preparation for Easter, spanning 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. The focus of Lent is repentance - a turning of our hearts, minds, and actions from ourselves to God. The Sundays in Lent are *in* the season but not *of* it, and are celebrated as "feast" days, traditionally days on which Lenten fasts are broken as we gather together for worship and to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

THE COLOR OF LENT: Purple, the color of Lent, signifies penitence and humility, and is meant to remind us of humanity's suffering under sin and of Christ's suffering on the cross - the color of a bruise. Purple is also the color of royalty and anticipates the coming glory of Christ's resurrection on Easter.



PLEASE KNEEL OR SIT FOR A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE.

ENTRANCE

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THE MINISTERS ENTER IN SILENCE.

Minister: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins:

People: His mercy endures forever.

Minister: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.



AT THIS TIME THE CONGREGATION MAY KNEEL OR SIT.

HYMN OF PRAISE

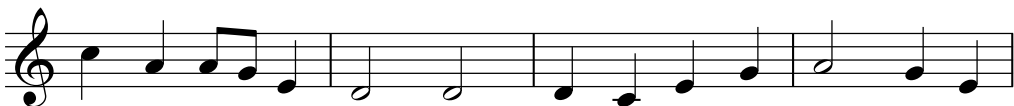
WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this, that
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM. While mill-ions join the theme, I will
sing and joy-ful be. And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.
soul, for my soul. Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing. While mill-ions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on. And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

(Words and music: American folk hymn; CCLI License #2476739)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow a trumpet in Zion;
 sound an alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near,
2 a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness there is spread upon the
mountains
 a great and powerful people;
their like has never been before,
 nor will be again after them
 through the years of all generations...

12 “Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
 “return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
13 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.

14 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?
15 Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
16 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.
17 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?’”

EPISTLE READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:2

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

6:1 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

GOSPEL PROCESSION

PLEASE TURN AND FACE THE BIBLE AS IT IS PROCESSED INTO THE AISLE.

GOSPEL READING

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

“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.

2 “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. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

5 “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. 6 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...

16 “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. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 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.

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

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to you Lord Christ.*

MEDITATION

REV. WILL STOCKDALE

HYMN OF RESPONSE

COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS



For you, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait; [REPEAT]



Tru - ly our hope is in You. [REPEAT]



1. O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, Your ra-diance shines on all who

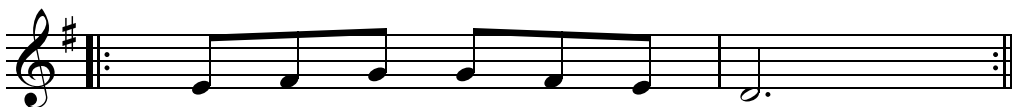
2. O joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in You we find more than e -



look to you in the dark. Em-man-u-el come, come light our hearts. [TO TOP]
-nough. We come as we are; O, heal and re - store; come light our hearts. [TO ENDING]



[4X] For you, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait;



[3X] Tru - ly our hope is in You.

(Words and music: Sandra McCracken, addtl. arr. David Lutes)

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

Minister: Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

✠ Minister: O Lord, save your servants;

People: *Those who put their trust in you.*

Minister: Send unto them help from above,

People: *And evermore mightily defend them.*

Minister: Help us, O God our Savior.

People: *And for the glory of your Name deliver us.
Deliver us. Be merciful to us sinners, for your Name's sake.*

Minister: O Lord, hear our prayer.

People: *And let our cry come unto you.*

Minister: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and repentance, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: *Amen.*

✠ AT THIS TIME THE CONGREGATION MAY KNEEL OR SIT.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

HYMN

PSALM 130 (SOLO)

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, oh Lord please hear my call
O Lord be merciful to me, at Thy throne of grace I fall.

Out of the woeful depths I cry, from the depths of sin
Of evil done in days gone by, of evil now within.

If you O Lord should mark iniquities
Lord who could then draw near?
But here I find forgiveness with you that you may be feared.

Lord from the depths I wait for Thee, my hope is in Thy Word
All through the night 'till day is nigh, my soul waits upon the Lord.

Lord here I find Thy mercy now, as ever was with Thee
Before Thy throne of grace I bow Lord be merciful to me.

O Israel cast your hope upon the Lord and in His Word do trust
He will redeem you from your sin and raise you from the dust.

(Words and Music: Karl Digerness, 2005; arr. Eelco Vos; CCLI License #2476739)

6:30 PM SERVICE

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART (CHOIR)

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me. (Repeat)

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord.
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me. (Repeat)

(from Psalm 51; Words and music: Keith Green)

✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor:

People: *Most Holy and Merciful Father:*

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.

Minister: We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People: *Have mercy on us, O Lord.*

Minister: We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: *Have mercy on us, O Lord.*

Minister: We confess to you, O Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, our anger at our own circumstances, and our envy of those more at ease than ourselves.

People: *We confess to you, O Lord.*

Minister: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to give an account for the hope that is in us.

People: *We confess to you, O Lord.*

Minister: Accept our repentance, O Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

People: *Accept our repentance, O Lord.*

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

People: *Accept our repentance, O Lord.*

Minister: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

People: *Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.*

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Minister: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

People: *That we may show forth your glory in the world.*

Minister: By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

(Based on the Ash Wednesday Litany of Penitence from the Book of Common Prayer)

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE ELEISON



LEADER: Lord Je-sus Christ, son of God, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.



ALL: Lord Je-sus Christ, son of God, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.



LEADER: Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Lord Je-sus Christ, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.



ALL: Have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner. Have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner.

(Words: Ancient Text, Music: Phil Madeira, CCLI License #2476739)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of
all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and
consolation of His Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the tithes and offerings of our life and labor to the Lord:

OFFERTORY INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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OFFERINGS IN THE BOWL AT THE ENTRANCE BEFORE OR AFTER THE SERVICE.

Minister: Let us pray:

People: We do not presume to come to this, Your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly— Lord, God of pow-er and_ might,
heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry.— 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!

(Traditional Eucharistic melody from the Latin Mass)

✠ Celebrant: All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; and, of your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, with these your gifts which we now offer you, we your people, celebrate and make the memorial your Son has commanded:

People: *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, until you come again.*

Celebrant: We humbly ask you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of your dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, through which we offer to you our selves, our souls and our bodies. Grant that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; that Christ may dwell in us, and we in him.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People: *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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People: *have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People: *have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People: *grant us your peace.*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him by faith, with thanksgiving.

Coming to the Table

Instructions & Explanations



Welcome to the Lord's Table

All Saints welcomes all baptized Christians to participate in the eucharistic meal, whether members at All Saints or another church. Children who have been baptized and admitted to the table by the elders of this church or the leadership of another church are also welcome.

If you're still investigating Christianity or simply choose not to participate, you may either remain in your seat or come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. Non-communing children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing while their parents receive communion.

About the BREAD



Gluten free bread is available upon request in all serving sections. If you are highly gluten intolerant, we recommend communing at the front left serving section which serves only gluten free bread.

About the WINE



The outer circles of each cup tray contain wine. Grape juice is provided in the **inner circle of each tray**.

Where do I go?



Wait for an usher to release your row. Ushers will release each row to go forward to take communion.

If you're unsure where to go, an usher will direct you to the appropriate line.

If I only take the bread or the wine...



There may be times when you are unable to take either the bread or the wine. Perhaps the grape juice runs out in your section. The historic Church recognizes this as "communion in one kind" and it's ok! The Church still considers those who have taken just the bread or just the wine as participating fully in Communion.

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

12:00 & 6:30 PM SERVICES ONLY - MUSIC TEAM

WHY SHOULD I FEAR?

My soul, thou art immerg'd in sin
So deep that none can trace;
Look to the ransom God decreed
To clear the guilty race.

Refrain: Had I the guilt of all the world,
 He's able to forgive.
 Why should I fear?
 The debt is paid, if only I believe.

The atonement once made on the tree
Can balance many more
Than all the sins of Adam's race,
If numbered o'er and o'er.

Refrain

He paid the mighty sum and died
For sinners yet unborn;
From men, the works of his own hands
He suffered shame and scorn.

Refrain

(Words: William Williams, Music: Brian T. Murphy & Benj Pocta, CCLI license #2476739)

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
 save in the death of Christ, my God;
 sor - row and love flow min - gled down;
 that were a pres - ent far too small;



my rich - est gain I count but loss
 all the vain things that charm me most
 did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 love so a - ma - zing, so di - vine



and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

(Words: Isaac Watts; Music: American folk tune; arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)

BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you, and remain with you always. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Words: Thomas Ken, Music: Louis Bourgeois)

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