



ASH WEDNESDAY

A Solemn Lenten Service

February 18, 2026

7:00 p.m.

† Call To Worship

Minister: To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us (Daniel 9:9-10). If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

Congregation: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Amen!

† Hymn - *Psalm 40: I Waited for the Lord*, next page

† The Salutation

Minister: Grace and peace from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

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Congregation: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Amen!

† The Collect

Unison: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing 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 wretchedness, 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. *Amen.*

I Waited for the LORD

From Psalm 40:1-11

1. ¹I wait - ed for the LORD; He stooped and heard my cry.
 2. Man - y will see with awe, And so will trust the LORD.
 3. ⁶*You want no of - fer - ing, Nor ask a sac - ri - fice,*
 4. ⁸"To do Your will, O God, To me is my de - light.
 5. ¹⁰I hid not in my heart Your truth and sav - ing help;

⁷2 He brought me from the pit, Out of the dun - geon mire,
 4 Blest he who trusts in GOD And turns not to false men.
But You have giv - en me A read - y ear to hear.
 Your law is part of me, Deep in my heart, O God."
 Your faith - ful - ness I preached In con - gre - ga - tion great.

¹³My feet set on a rock, My foot - steps made se - cure.
 5 You have worked won - ders, LORD; No one com - pares to You!
You ask no of - frings burnt, Nor sac - ri - fice for sin.
 9 In con - gre - ga - tion great I told Your right - eous - ness.
 11 Do not with - hold from me Your ten - der mer - cies, LORD

¹⁹3 My lips He gave a song, A song to praise our God.
 Should I de - clare each one, Their num - ber is too great.
 7 So I say, "Here I come, As in the scroll in - scribed.
 You know, LORD, I spoke out, I did not close my lips.
 Let Your un - fail - ing love For ev - er keep me safe.

The Lesson - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Response - *Lenten Prayer (Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days)*, vv. 1-3

The Epistle - 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Response - *Lenten Prayer (Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days)*, vv. 4-5

† The Gospel - Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Reader: The Gospel of Christ!

Congregation: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked '3' (triple). The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and includes five verses of text. The second system continues the melody and includes three verses of text. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with some words in italics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us did fast and pray,
2. As You with Sa - tan did con - tend And did the vic - t'ry win,
3. As You *did hun - ger and did thirst,* So *teach us, gra - cious Lord,*
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,
5. A - bide with us, that through this life Of suf - f'ring and of pain

Teach us with You to mourn our sins, And close by You to stay.
Oh, give us strength in You to fight, In You to con - quer sin.
To die to self and so to live By *Your most ho - ly Word.*
Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus, with us a - bide.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at last at - tain.

Music: *Scottish Psalter*, 1615

Text: Claudia Frances Hernaman, 1873

ABBEY

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Choral Offering - *Be Merciful, O Lord*

All Saints Church Choir

*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,
In your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt,
And cleanse me from my sin.*

*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
My offenses truly I know them;
My sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
What is evil in your sight I have done.*

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

*A pure heart create for me, O God,
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
Nor deprive me of your holy spirit.*

*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Give me again the joy of your help;
With a spirit of fervor sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips
And my mouth shall declare your praise.*

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Ashes and Confession

You are invited to make a right remembrance of the curse of sin, which Jesus Christ bore for us, and as a mark of our mortal nature. Let us now come before the Lord, our Maker and Redeemer, confessing that we are by nature sinners and therefore objects of the Lord's righteous wrath, and also embracing the gospel promises by faith, claiming the hope of pardon and resurrection. Ashes to ashes and dust to dust: We know we are sinners doomed to die. Yet there is a hope that conquers death, a love that is stronger than death, through the grace and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Imposition of Ashes

*Those who wish to receive ashes are invited to come forward and kneel or stand at the communion rail.
The ministers apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words...*

Minister: Remember that dust you are, and to dust you shall return.

Worshipper: "Amen," or, "I am but dust and ashes." (Genesis 18:27)

Hymns During the Imposition, following pages

'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

1. 'Tis not that I did choose Thee, For Lord, that could not be;
 2. 'Twas sov'-reign mer-cy called me And taught my op-'ning mind;

This heart would still re - fuse Thee, Hadst Thou not chos - en me.
 The world had else en - thrall'd me, To Heav'n - ly glo - ries blind.

Thou from the sin that stained me Hast cleansed and set me free;
 My heart owns none be - fore Thee, For Thy rich grace I thirst;

Of old Thou hast or - dained me, That I should live to Thee.
 This know - ing, if I love Thee, Thou must have loved me first.

Music: Gregg Strawbridge, 1996 © gs175@mac.com
 Text: Josiah Conder, 1836

['Tis Not That I Did]
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How Deep the Father's Love

The musical score is written in 5/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal melody line and a bass accompaniment line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: F, Gm (F), Bb, F/A, C. Lyrics: 1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, How vast be - yond all meas - ure. 2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, My sin up - on His shoul - ders. 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.

System 2: Chords: F, Gm (F), Bb, F/A, C, F. Lyrics: That He should give His on - ly Son To make a wretch His treas - ure. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice Call out a - mong the scof - fers. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion.

System 3: Chords: Gm, Am, Bb, F/A, Dm, C. Lyrics: How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way. It was my sin that held Him there Un - til it was ac - com - plished; Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.

System 4: Chords: F, Gm, Am, Bb, F/A, C, F. Lyrics: As wounds which mar the cho - sen One Bring man - y sons to glo - ry. His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished. But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

[How Deep the Father's Love]

Music & Text: Stuart Townend, 1995 © Thankyou Music

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I Lay My Sins on Jesus

1. I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
 2. I lay my wants on Je - sus: All full - ness dwells in Him;
 3. I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wear - y soul of mine;
 4. I long to be like Je - sus, Meek, lov - ing, low - ly, mild;

He bears them all, and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
 He heals all my dis - eas - es, He doth my soul re - deem.
 His right hand me em - brac - es, I on His breast re - cline.
 I long to be like Je - sus, The Fa - ther's ho - ly Child;

I bring my guilt to Je - sus, To wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Em - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;
 I long to be with Je - sus, A - mid the Heav'n - ly throng;

White in His blood most pre - cious, Till not a spot re - mains.
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
 Like frag - rance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.
 To sing with saints His prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

Music: Turlough O'Carolan; arr. Chris Lucas & Gregg Strawbridge, 2013 © gs175@mac.com
 Text: Horatius Bonar, 1843

SÍ BHEAG SÍ MHOR
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Lenten Litany of Confession

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God, kneeling if you are able.

Unison: Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Minister: Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Congregation: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O Lord, save the State.

Congregation: And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Congregation: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save thy people.

Congregation: And bless thine inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Congregation: For it is thou, Lord, only, that makes us dwell in safety.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Congregation: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;

Congregation: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

Congregation: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;

Congregation: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;

Congregation: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Remember not, Lord, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Congregation: Spare us, good Lord.

Minister: From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Congregation: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Congregation: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Congregation: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Congregation: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

Congregation: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Congregation: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Congregation: Good Lord, deliver us.

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

Congregation: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

Congregation: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. AMEN.

Benediction

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

†Hymn - *Psalm 51: The Sacrifices of God are a Broken Spirit*, next page

The Sacrifices of God Are a Broken Spirit

Psalm 51:17-19a

unison

The musical score is written for unison voice and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The third system starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The fourth system starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in the bass. The lyrics are: 17 The sac-ri-fic-es of God are a bro-ken spir-it: A bro - ken and a con - trite heart, O God, Thou wilt not de-spise. 18 Do good in Thy good pleas-ure un-to Zi-on; Build Thou the walls of Je - ru - sa - lem. 19 Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sac-ri - fic - es of right-eous-ness: With burnt of-f'ring, and whole burnt of - f'ring.

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Music: Swedish *Mässbok*, 1942; adapt. Regina H. Fryxell, 1958

Text: *Holy Bible, King James Version*, 1611

PSALM OF THE DAY - PSALM 103:8-14

8

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love.

9

He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

10

He does not deal with us according to our
sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11

For as high as the heavens are above the
earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those
who fear him;

12

as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions
from us.

13

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who
fear him.

14

For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

JOIN US FOR THIS SEASON OF REFLECTION + REDEMPTION

Lenten Services - Sundays, 10:30 am

Palm Sunday Service - March 29, 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday Service - April 2, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Service - April 5, 10:30 am

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