



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
ASH WEDNESDAY
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7:00 PM

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"Jesus, With Us Abide"

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* Call to Worship

Leader: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm upon the holy mountain!

People: Let everyone tremble, for the day of the Lord is near.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR #169)

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

ST. FLAVIAN

* Gospel Lesson

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Mark 9.30-37

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Homily

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"(Re)Ordering Death"

Burning of the Palms

Psalm of Confession

Psalm 51.1-3

Hymn of Response (CONGR #493)

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

ADELAIDE

Unison Discipline of Confession with Silence

Rev. Cristina Adams

Merciful God, we confess that we have been a rebellious people. We have broken your covenant, and we have tolerated injustice in our land. We have not shared our food with the hungry, we have not sheltered the homeless, and we have not aided the destitute. We quarrel and fight among ourselves, and we use religions to cover our deceit. We have become a mockery of our heritage; the world looks at us and asks, "Where is their God?" Forgive us, Lord. Subdue our rebellious hearts and restore in us the light of salvation.

Hymn of Confession (CONGR #231)

"Breathe on Me"

TRUETT

Assurance of Pardon

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and rejoice.

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Ministry of Music

"Lord Have Mercy"

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The Sign of Ashes

From ancient times Christians have on this day searched their hearts and sought to be cleansed from sin. They have sought reconciliation with God and with one another. They have received ashes marked on their foreheads as a sign of sin's disfigurement and of their own mortality.

Prayer Over the Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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* Hymn of Sending (CONG #168)

"I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ"

KINGSFOLD

Benediction

Postlude

"Beautiful Savior"

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TONIGHT IN WORSHIP

*Worship Band Participants: Mark Robinson, Marylee Southard, Glenn Prescott, Nancy Smith,
Kari Bruffett, Joanna Gillette, John Pauls*

Organist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Matthew Johnston, Susan Pauls Sound: Jim Lord

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