

# ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5, 2025



*Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for I am languishing;  
O Lord, heal me,  
for my bones are shaking with terror.  
Psalm 6:2*

# ASH WEDNESDAY

Lenten Worship at the Lord's Table

7:00 PM Sanctuary and Online

PRELUDE

Make Me Clean In Your Sight

Thomas Tallis

Todd Fickley, Organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

*One* O Lord, open my lips,

**All And my mouth will declare your praise.**

*One* You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it.

**All You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

*One* The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**All A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

from Psalm 51

▲ HYMN

Near to the Heart of God

McAfee

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,  
a place where love and grace attest, near to the heart of God.

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,  
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. *Refrain*

There is a place of true release, near to the heart of God,  
a place where we find joy and peace, near to the heart of God. *Refrain*

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Fox

Most merciful God,

your Son our Savior was tempted in every way, yet was without sin.

We confess before you our own sinfulness:

we have strayed from your ways in willfulness and pride,

we have doubted your goodness and grace,

we have disobeyed your commands,

we have done what is evil in your sight.

Forgive us we pray, O Lord, and cleanse us from the stain of sin.

Restore in us such trust and love

that we may walk in your path and delight in your will.

## SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

Out of the depths to thee I raise the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, and hear my supplication.  
If thou shouldst count our every sin, each evil deed or thought within,  
O who could stand before thee?

To wash away the crimson stain grace, grace alone prevaieth.  
Our works, alas! are all in vain: In much the best life faileth.  
For none can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might  
And live alone by mercy.

Martin Luther

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

## ▲ LENTEN CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *sung first by the choir; then the congregation*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning!  
Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is thy faithfulness.

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 6

Leslie Saum

*Pew Bible Page 426*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## MEDITATION

*Prescriptions for Wounded Souls*  
A Cry for Healing

Rev. Lisa Larsen

## CHORAL RESPONSE

Call to Remembrance

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy lovingkindness  
which hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:

But according to thy mercy think thou on me, Lord, for thy goodness.

Psalm 25:5-6

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

*Marking with ashes offered for those who so desire.*

## Music Meditation

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5:8 and 4:9

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Hylton

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.

▲ HYMN 390

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

St. Stephen

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE

Christ, Who Art the Light and Day

William Byrd  
Mr. Fickley, Organ

*An offering will be received at the doors as you exit.*

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***Please come, and invite your friends!***

**Palm Sunday April 13**

- Worship: 8:45 & 11:00 am
- Concert: Brahms *Requiem*, 5:00 pm

**Maundy Thursday April 17**

- Hands-on Prayer Stations: 3:00-7:00 pm
- Worship with Communion: 7:00 pm

**Good Friday April 18**

- Hands-on Prayer Stations: 3:00-7:00 pm
- Meditations & Music on the Seven Last Words of Christ: 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday April 20**

- Worship: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

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