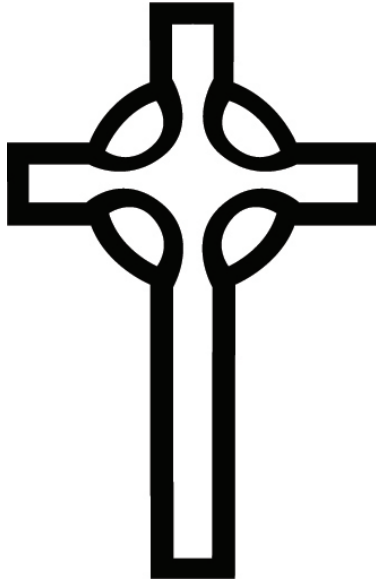


ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026



*But the Lord God called to the man,
and said to him, "Where are you?"*

Genesis 3:9

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. Ray Hylton, Sr.

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

LENENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Hylton

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 failleth.

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.**

HOLY WEEK AT NATIONAL

Palm Sunday March 29

- Worship: 8:45 & 11:00 am
- Concert: 5:00 pm
Music of Felix Mendelssohn

Maundy Thursday April 2

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

Good Friday April 3

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

Easter Sunday April 5

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



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