

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Turn away from the calls of worldly success

Repent, and turn back to God

Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has

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Turn away from greed and the race for power

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As we enter Lent, may we turn back to God

May we seek forgiveness

May we seek healing

May we seek wholeness

***Hymn #221 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

Prayer of Confession

Psalter Reading

Psalm 51:1-17 OT page 520

Special Music

Becky Gillaugh

Embrace the Cross

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3 OT page 685

Homily Come All Who Are Thirsty

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Imposition of Ashes

You are welcome to come forward to receive ashes if you wish. Ashes are placed on our foreheads for two reasons: a personal act of remembrance and as a sign or a witness for others. The sign of the cross reminds us that we once were dust, and to dust we shall return. After you receive your ashes, you may sit and reflect or you may leave. The service is over.

The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

During this season, converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when people who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness and restored to participation in the life of the church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith.

You are invited, therefore, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.



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*Ash Wednesday Service
March 2, 2022
7:00pm*

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