



ASH WEDNESDAY

HYMN - "COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN"

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

A PSALM OF REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS – Psalm 51:1-3, 6-12, 17

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love:**

P: according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

C: **Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

C: **Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.**

P: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

C: **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**

P: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

C: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

P: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

C: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

ALL: Amen

Entrance Hymn – "ETERNAL SPIRIT OF THE LIVING CHRIST"(sung to alternate tune #221) #
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LENTEN PRAYER

P: Let us pray ...

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us the blessing of your Holy Spirit as we start upon the Lenten path.

C: **Lead us in our reflection and meditation on your Word.**

P: Lead us to be truly repentant for our sinful living.

C: **Help us to withstand the temptations of this life, the worries of the day, and those busy activities which would draw us away from you.**

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P: Restore in us responsibility toward those in need.

C: **Renew our efforts at witnessing to all around us.**

P: Reveal to us your boundless grace in the cross.

C: **Lead us throughout these 40 days – and all our life beyond – upon that path where you would have us go. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Insert

CHORAL OFFERING (7:00 P.M.) "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

EPISTLE READING:

Insert

HOLY GOSPEL READING:

Insert

Sermon Hymn: "CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE" #
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Sermon: "I Am The Vine...." John
 15:1-8

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for your Church. Heal its divisions, rid it of hypocrisy in all forms, and restore to fullness its zeal for the Gospel, that in all its doings, your name is glorified. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for the nations of this world, especially those which scorn you. Grant to all the wisdom which comes down from above that they may seek treasures in heaven instead of the things of this world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We remember those with all kinds of needs: the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, the lonely and unloved, the aged and the little children, and especially those who do not know you as their Savior or who love you not. Grant to them a special measure of your grace. Empower all of us to share your great love with those less fortunate. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We bring before you those among us whom we now name in our hearts... where there is disagreement, grant reconciliation; to those who are sick or those who mourn, especially... fill with the power of your presence and strengthen all to a right spirit before you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lastly we remember before you all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude without number, whose confidence was in your cross, and who now rest with you forevermore. Grant to all of us that same joy which comes from trusting in you until that day when we too are received into glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

ALL: Amen

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GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Offering Hymn: ***"ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE"***

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Service of Holy Communion
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DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (with Imposition of Ashes)

Communion Hymns: ***"TO YOU, OMNISCIENT LORD OF ALL"***

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"I COME, O SAVIOR, TO YOUR TABLE"

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THE DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

Closing Hymn – ***"CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING"***

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SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

PASTOR: Rev. Kenneth M. Ferrier

ORGANIST: Nancy Gunterman

4:00 PM

Elders: Jim Wright and Ray Janssen

Acolyte:

Ushers: Charles & Elaine Malecki

7:00 PM

Elders: Tim Byrne and George Cancellieri

Acolyte: Nathan Gunterman

Ushers: Ray and Leta Stender

Altar Guild: Elma Cancellieri and Dottie LaMere

ALTAR GUILD: The color for Ash Wednesday is Black – The color of Mourning, Humiliation and Death.

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