ASH WEDNESDAY/HOLY COMMUNION

February 22, 2023 5:00 PM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the

world, but that the world might be saved through

him.

People: God's love endures forever.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in

trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: God's love endures forever.

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 185

(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Joel 2:12-17

SPECIAL MUSIC Choir

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

LENTEN SERMON Behind Closed Doors Dr. McGarity

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 51: 1-17 (See Insert)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: May almighty God have mercy upon us and forgive

us our sins through the perfect sacrifice of our Lord

and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES "Sign Us With Ashes"

HYMN "Jesus Paid It All"

No. 210 (Red Hymnal)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you. Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation...... And so

we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming

your glory as we say:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and

might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

sanna in the highest

Breaking of the Bread

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will

come again.

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is

yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

No. 426

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins

of the world. Happy are those who are called to

his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

No. 201

(Red Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son

and the Holy Spirit.

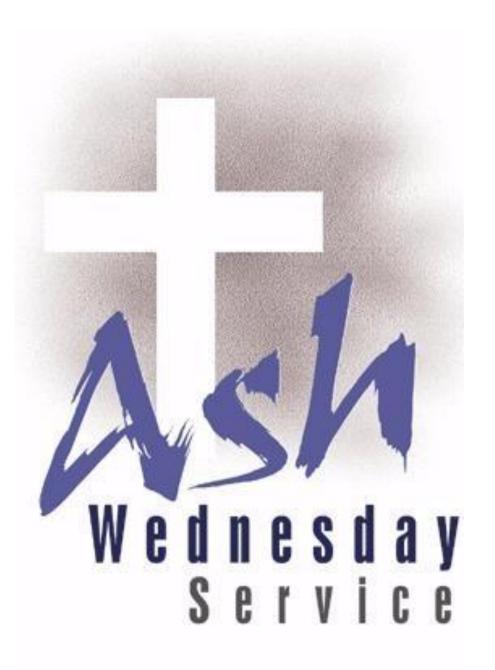
People: Amen. Minister: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Threefold Amen"
Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE



Psalm 51: 1-17

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast

love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my

transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and

cleanse me from my sin.

Minister: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before

me.

People: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and

done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when

you pass judgment.

Minister: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother

conceived me.

People: You desire truth in the inward being;

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Minister: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me,

and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the

bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Minister: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniqui-

ties.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a

new and right spirit within me.

Minister: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not

take your holy spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Minister: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and

sinners will return to you.

People: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God

of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud

of your deliverance.

Minister: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your

praise.

People: For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to

give a burnt offering, you would not be

pleased,

All: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken

spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you

will not despise.