

# 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. Hosanna 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. Amen.**

POSTLUDE



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 iniquities.

**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.*