



*Ash*  
WEDNESDAY

*Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent,  
the season of spiritual renewal leading up to Easter.  
The accent in Lent is upon repentance for sin and  
preparation for sharing in the death and resurrection  
of Christ.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

*The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary.*

February 18, 2014 6:30 o'clock in the evening

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Claire Early and Emily Whitty

VOLUNTARY *O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall* J.S. Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Michael Clingenpeel

Minister: The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Minister: Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel." He also said: "I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly."

**Congregation: We come before God this night, Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, to hear God's word, to confess our sins, and to ask God to strengthen us in our faith that we might live more holy lives.**

Minister: Let us pray.

\*INVOCATION *(In unison)*

**Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

\*HYMN 223 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* Stuttgart

WELCOME

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 58:1-12 (pp. 600-601) Rev. Libby Grammer

Minister: The Word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Treasures in Heaven* Joseph W. Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
Where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal,  
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n,  
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
Ask, and it shall be given you;  
Seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you,  
For ev'ry one that asketh receiveth,  
And he that seeketh findeth,  
And to him that knocketh it shall be opened.  
Erin Stuhlmann, soprano

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 (pp. 939-940)

Minister: The Word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

\*HYMN 85 *What Wondrous Love Is This* Wondrous Love

MEDITATION Dr. Michael Clingenpeel

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(see insert)* Dr. Daniel Bagby

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

*Those who wish to receive ashes may now come forward. The Minister will sign you with ashes on your forehead or on the back of your hand. If you do not wish to receive ashes, you may remain at your seat.*

ANTHEM *Hide Not Thou Thy Face* Richard Farrant

Hide not Thou Thy face from us, O Lord,  
And cast not off Thy servant in Thy displeasure.  
For we confess our sins unto Thee, and hide not our unrighteousness:  
For Thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sins.

*After all who wish to have ashes imposed come forward,  
the service continues with the following:*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Minister: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation,

**Congregation: That we may show forth Your glory in the world.**

Minister: By the cross and passion of Your Son, our Lord,

**Congregation: Bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are asked to exchange an embrace or a handshake saying as you do:  
"The peace of the Lord be with you."*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GIVING OF THANKS Dr. Michael Clingenpeel

Minister: The Lord be with you

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**Congregation: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Minister: All powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks and praise. Through our observance of Lent, You correct our faults and raise our minds to You. You help us grow in holiness and offer us the reward of everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him the angels and all the choirs of heaven worship in awe before Your presence. May our voices be one with theirs as they sing with joy the hymn of Your glory:

SANCTUS *(sung in German)*

Franz Schubert

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Please come forward (if able) where the ministers will offer the elements to you. Anyone who wishes to receive communion but needs to remain seated will be ministered to following those who come forward.*

\*HYMN 78 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

Martydom

\*BENEDICTION *(In unison)*

**God of compassion, through Your son Jesus Christ You reconciled Your people to Yourself. Following His example of prayer and fasting, may we obey You with willing hearts and serve You and one another in holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Have Mercy on me, O Lord God*

*Samuel Scheidt*

*\*Congregation standing*

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