

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes are offered to those entering the church. Using the right thumb, the pastor or an assistant places the ashes on the forehead of each person in the sign of the cross, saying:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

After receiving the ashes, each person takes his place in silence. There is no statement of dismissal.

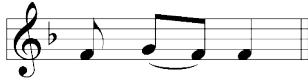
Kneel/Stand



L O Lord, **C** have mer - cy.



L O Christ, **C** have mer - cy.



L O Lord, **C** have mer - cy.



L O Christ, **C** hear us.



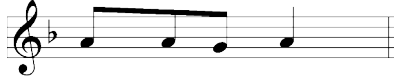
L God the Father in heaven, **C** have mer - cy.



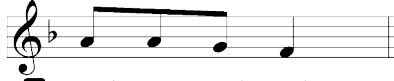
L God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **C** have mer - cy.



L God the Holy Spirit, **C** have mer - cy.

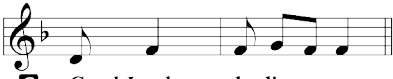


L Be gracious to us. **C** Spare us, good Lord.



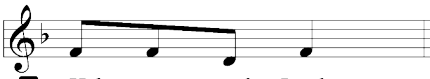
L Be gracious to us. **C** Help us, good Lord.

L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:



C Good Lord, de-liv-er us.

L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:



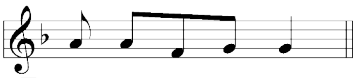
C Help us, good Lord.

L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:



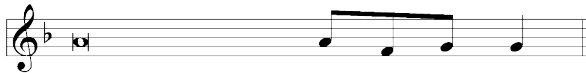
C Help us, good Lord.

L We poor sinners implore You



C to hear us, O Lord.

L To prosper the preaching of Your Word;
to bless our prayer and meditation;
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:



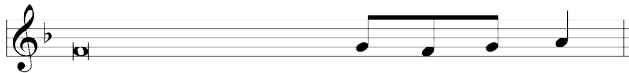
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To draw all to Yourself;
to bless those who are instructed in the faith;
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers;
to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

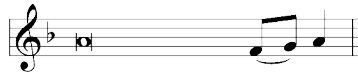


C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To turn our hearts to You;
to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers;
and graciously to hear our prayers:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **C** we implore You to hear us.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



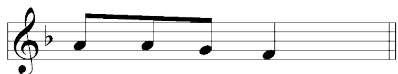
C have mer - cy.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C have mer - cy.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C grant us Your peace.



L O Christ, **C** hear us.



L O Lord, **C** have mer - cy.

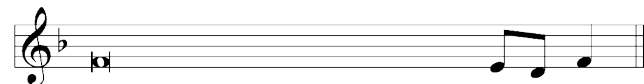


L O Christ, **C** have mer - cy.



L O Lord, **C** have mer - cy. A - men.

L O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.



C Do not reward us according to our in-iq - ui - ties.

P O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lutheran Service Book, page 290

Penitents may come to the steps to be absolved individually. Having received absolution, you may return to your seat and join in the singing of the hymn.

Hymn: 419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee

LSB 419



Setting One, page 156

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Divine Service follows from the SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY, page 156.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1–10

Gradual

Psalms 57:1a, 3a

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,*
for in you my soul takes refuge.
He will send from heaven and save me;*
he will put to shame him who tramples on me.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:2–11

Tract

Psalm 103:10; 79:8a, 9a

He does not deal with us according | to our sins,*
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.
Do not remember against us our former in- | iquities;*
let your compassion come speedily to | meet us.
Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,*
for the glory | of your name.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:16–21

Hymn of the Day: 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee *LSB 607*



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Right Column

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Distribution Hymn: 574 Before the Throne of God Above

LSB 574

The Post-Communion Canticle is omitted.

Hymn: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422

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