

# DIVINE SERVICE



## ASH WEDNESDAY

*People may receive ashes at the entrance to the nave. 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:*

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

*Each person takes his place in silence.*

*Kneel/Stand*

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**P** God the Father in heaven,

**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** **Spare us, good Lord.**

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** 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.**

**P** 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.**

**P** We poor sinners implore You

**C** **to hear us, O Lord.**

**P** 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.**

**P** 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.**

**P** 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.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** **we implore You to hear us.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** grant us Your peace.

**P** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.

**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** Amen.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The rite is found in Lutheran Service Book*

*LSB 290*

*The penitents come forward along the chancel steps. After receiving an individual absolution they return to their seats and join the singing of the hymn.*

**HYMN: SAVIOR, WHEN IN DUST TO THEE**

*LSB 419*

*After all have returned to their seats, the pastor speaks this blessing:*

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

**C** Amen.

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### 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**

*Joel 2:12–19*

**PSALM**

*Psalm 51*

*Sung responsively by the whole tone, between Leader and Congregation. The psalms are found toward the front of Lutheran Service Book*

**EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10*

**VERSE FOR LENT**

*LSB 157*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS**

*LSB 431*

**OFFERTORY: CREATE IN ME**

*LSB 956*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
 a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
 from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12  
 Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583–1651, adapt.  
 Text and tune: Public domain

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**RIGHT COLUMN**

**HYMN: THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD**

*LSB 634*

**HYMN: RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT**

*LSB 704*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS**

**HYMN: O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS**

*LSB 418*