

***Wednesday, March 1, 2017***



**Ash  
Wednesday**

## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1, 2017

7:00 PM

### PRELUDE

“Take My Life and Let It Be”  
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Henbdon  
Hamburg

### WELCOME

#### WE GATHER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Everything that happens on earth happens in the time God chooses.

**God sets a time for birth and a time for death.**

The time to tear and the time to mend, the time to scatter and the time to gather.

**The time to seek and the time to lose, the time to keep silent and the time to speak.**

Everything that happens on earth

**Happens in the time God chooses.**

### HYMN NO. 442

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

Woodworth

#### WE PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord, by your Spirit open to us the Words of Life,  
a spring of water that shall never fail. Amen.**

### CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

Matthew 12:46-50; NT 13 & John 19:26-27; NT 114  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### A MESSAGE FOR EVERYONE

“Mary, the Mother of Jesus”

### INVITATION TO LENT

### LITANY OF CONFESSION

One: For all the times we fail to do what we know is right,

**All: we are sorry, Lord.**

One: For all the times we do what we know is wrong,

**All: we are sorry, Lord.**

One: For all the times we fail to love each other,

**All: we are sorry, Lord.**

One: For all the times we fail to love you,

**All: we are sorry, Lord.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*You are invited to come forward to receive ashes. You may ask the ashes to be placed on your forehead or on your hand. The ashes remind us that we belong to Jesus Christ.*

## WE RESPOND

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

**All:** We come from the east and west.

We come from the north and south to feast at our Lord's table.

**Children:** Who can come to this table?

One: Jesus invites all those who trust him to come to this table.

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

One: The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

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

**All:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Children:** Why do we give thanks at this table?

One: We give thanks for God's creation,  
for making us in God's image.

We give thanks because God never gave up on us  
even though we were not faithful to God.

We give thanks because when it was time,  
God sent Jesus, God's child, to show God's love for us.

**Children:** How do we thank and praise God for all of this?

One: With all the faithful people of every time and place in the world  
we sing this song of God's glory.

### HYMN NO. 552

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Land of Rest

*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! Hosanna in the highest!*

Then we pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Children:** What do we remember at this table?

One: We remember Jesus, God's child:

**All:** Jesus healed the sick and restored sight to the blind;  
Jesus welcomed strangers and ate with outcasts.  
Dying on the cross, Jesus saved us from our sin,  
Risen from the dead, Jesus gives us new life.

**Children:** Why do we eat bread at this table?

One: Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his friends.

**Children:** Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

One: Jesus gave them the cup as the promise that our sins are forgiven.  
He said, "This is my blood, poured out for you."

**Children: But this is just everyday bread and grape juice.**

One: Let us pray that the everyday bread and juice will become holy:  
Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit to be with us and upon these  
your gifts of bread and cup that the bread we break and the cup we  
bless may bring us closer to Jesus and Jesus closer to us. Amen.

## COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Psalm 103

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**All: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**All: and forget not all God's blessings.**

### \*HYMN NO. 702

"Christ Be Beside Me"

Bunessan

***Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.***

***Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand;  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting;  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.***

***Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;  
Christ be on all tongues tell of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;  
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.***

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

American Folk Hymn

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