

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**Order of Worship – 7:00 p.m.**  
**March 2, 2022**

**PRELUDE** *Prelude on St. Flavian* arr. Healey Willan

**INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE**

*(from the Book of Common Worship)*

Friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

Let us bow before God, our Creator and Redeemer, and confess our sin:

**PSALTER PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Psalm 51:1-17*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

ACCORDING TO YOUR GREAT COMPASSION BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

FOR I KNOW MY TRANSGRESSIONS, AND MY SIN IS EVER BEFORE ME.

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

SO YOU ARE PROVED RIGHT WHEN YOU SPEAK AND JUSTIFIED WHEN YOU JUDGE.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity; in sin did my mother conceive me.

BEHOLD, YOU DELIGHT IN TRUTH IN THE INWARD BEING, AND YOU TEACH ME WISDOM IN THE SECRET HEART.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

LET ME HEAR JOY AND GLADNESS; LET THE BONES YOU HAVE BROKEN REJOICE.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

CREATE IN ME A PURE HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME. DO NOT CAST ME FROM YOUR PRESENCE OR TAKE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation; and uphold me with a willing spirit, Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.

Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND MY MOUTH WILL DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.



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**ALL ARE OF THE DUST,  
AND ALL TURN TO DUST AGAIN.**

**ECCLESIASTES 3:20**

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT; A BROKEN AND CONTRITE HEART,  
O GOD, YOU WILL NOT DESPISE.

**\*HYMN** *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

**OLD TESTAMENT** *Isaiah 63:7-9; 64:4-5; 7-12; 65:1-2)*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel He has shown them according to His mercy, according to the abundance of His steadfast love.

FOR HE SAID, "SURELY THEY ARE MY PEOPLE, CHILDREN WHO WILL NOT DEAL FALSELY;" AND HE BECAME THEIR SAVIOR IN ALL THEIR DISTRESS.

It was no messenger or angel, but His presence, that saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

FROM AGES PAST NO ONE HAS HEARD, NO EAR PERCEIVED, NO EYE SEEN ANY GOD BESIDES YOU, WHO ACTS FOR THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM. YOU COME TO THE HELP OF THOSE WHO GLADLY DO RIGHT, WHO REMEMBER YOUR WAYS.

But when we continued to sin against them, You were angry. We have been a long time in our sins, and shall we be saved? There is no one who calls on Your name, or strives to take hold of You, and You have hidden Your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

YET, O LORD, YOU ARE OUR FATHER; WE ARE THE CLAY, AND YOU ARE OUR POTTER; WE ARE ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HAND. DO NOT BE ANGRY BEYOND MEASURE, O LORD; DO NOT REMEMBER OUR SINS FOREVER. BEHOLD, WE ARE ALL YOUR PEOPLE.

Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and beautiful house, where our ancestors praised You, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. After all this, will You restrain yourself, O Lord? Will You keep silent, and afflict us so severely?

"I WAS READY TO BE SOUGHT BY THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME, TO BE FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME. I SAID, 'HERE AM I, HERE AM I,' TO A NATION THAT DID NOT CALL ON MY NAME. I HELD OUT MY HANDS ALL DAY LONG TO A REBELLIOUS PEOPLE, WHO WALK IN A WAY THAT IS NOT GOOD, FOLLOWING THEIR OWN DEVICES."

**ANTHEM** *Dust I Am* *Mark Miller*

[REFRAIN] Dust I am, to dust I shall return, have mercy, O Lord.

(1) *Renew my spirit, God. In Your presence, keep me safe, according to Your love.*

(2) *Wash me in Your truth, speak to me of joy, according to Your love.*

(3) *Pull me from the depths, restore me to Your light, according to Your love.*

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Almighty God, Your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin.

GIVE US GRACE TO SO DIRECT OUR LIVES IN OBEDIENCE TO YOUR SPIRIT, AS YOU KNOW OUR WEAKNESS, SO WE MAY KNOW YOUR POWER TO SAVE;

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,

WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

O Lord God, You led Your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

SO GUIDE US, THAT, FOLLOWING OUR SAVIOR, WE MAY WALK THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THIS WORLD TOWARD THE GLORY OF THE WORLD TO COME;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life,

THROUGHOUT THESE NEXT FORTY DAYS, SO UNSEAL WITHIN US THE WELLSPRING OF YOUR GRACE, CLEANSE OUR HEARTS OF ALL THAT IS NOT HOLY, AND CAUSE YOUR GIFT OF NEW LIFE TO FLOURISH ONCE AGAIN.

Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve You in newness of life and faithfully walk in Your holy ways;

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. **AMEN.**

**\*HYMN** *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

**SELECTED NEW TESTAMENT READINGS** *Insert*

**MEDITATION** "BE HUMBLE OR BE HUMBLED"

**OFFERING**

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

**\*HYMN** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

# Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. John 1:11

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown When Thou  
 2. Heav-en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, Pro -  
 3. The fox - es found rest and the birds their nest In the  
 4. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing word That should  
 5. When the heav'ns shall ring and the an - gels sing At Thy

cam - est to earth for me; But in Beth - le - hem's home was there  
 claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree; But of low - ly birth didst Thou  
 shade of the for - est tree; But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou  
 set Thy peo - ple free; But with mock - ing scorn and with  
 com - ing to vic - to - ry, Let Thy voice call me home, say - ing,

*Refrain*  
 found no room For Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty. O  
 come to earth, And in great hu - mil - i - ty. O  
 Son of God, In the des - erts of Gal - i - lee. O  
 crown of thorn They bore Thee to Cal - va - ry. O  
 "Yet there is room - There is room at My side for thee." My

come to my heart, Lord Je - sus - There is room in my heart for Thee!  
 come to my heart, Lord Je - sus - There is room in my heart for Thee!  
 come to my heart, Lord Je - sus - There is room in my heart for Thee!  
 come to my heart, Lord Je - sus - There is room in my heart for Thee!  
 heart shall re - joice, Lord Je - sus, When Thou com - est and call - est for me!

TEXT: Emily E. S. Elliott  
 MUSIC: Timothy R. Matthews

MARGARET  
 Irregular meter

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 6:14

*Unison*

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of Glo - ry died,  
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down;  
 That were a pres - ent far too small:

My rich - est gain I count but loss,  
 All the vain things that charm me most -  
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

*rit. last stanza*

And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

TEXT: Isaac Watts  
 MUSIC: Appalachian Folk melody; arranged by Michael James

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## MATTHEW 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

## MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-18

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father Who is unseen. And your Father, Who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

## MATTHEW 23:12

“For those who exalt themselves shall be humbled, and those who humble themselves shall be exalted.”

## ROMANS 6:4

We are therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Jesus Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

## Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Day's Psalter, 1562

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,  
2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, And didst the vic-tory win,  
3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas-sion - tide,  
4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,

Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.  
O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to con-quer sin.  
Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

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