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ORDER OF WORSHIP

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

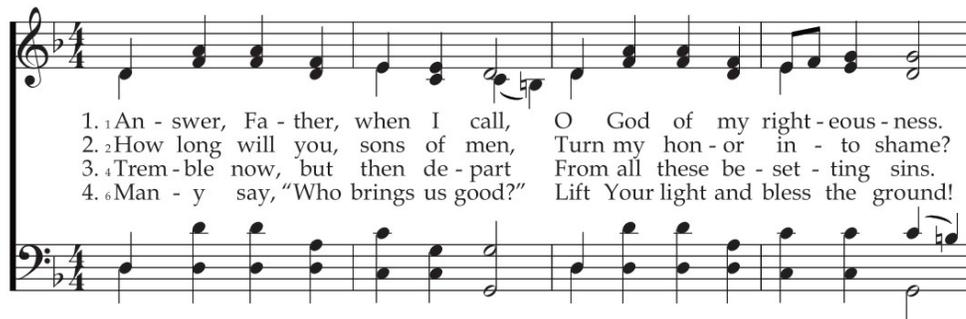
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† *Those who are able please rise.*

∫ *Those who are able please kneel.*

PRELUDE

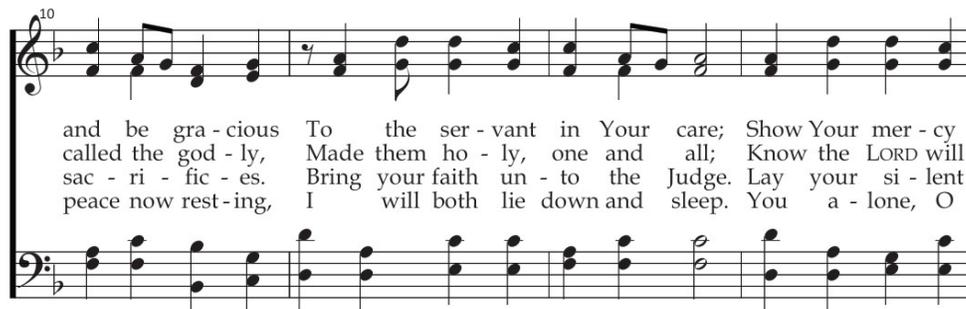
OPENING HYMN



1. ¹An - swer, Fa - ther, when I call, O God of my right - eous - ness.
2. ²How long will you, sons of men, Turn my hon - or in - to shame?
3. ⁴Trem - ble now, but then de - part From all these be - set - ting sins.
4. ⁶Man - y say, "Who brings us good?" Lift Your light and bless the ground!



5
You have giv - en me re - lief, When in deep dis - tress. An - swer, Fa - ther,
How long will you love your lies, Speak - ing them in vain? ³Know the LORD has
Med - i - tate with - in your heart On your bed, be still. ⁵Of - fer right - eous
⁷But more joy is in my heart, Than when wine a - bounds. ⁸So in per - fect



10
and be gra - cious To the ser - vant in Your care; Show Your mer - cy
called the god - ly, Made them ho - ly, one and all; Know the LORD will
sac - ri - fic - es. Bring your faith un - to the Judge. Lay your si - lent
peace now rest - ing, I will both lie down and sleep. You a - lone, O



14
in my trou - ble, O Lord, hear my pray'r; O Lord, hear my pray'r.
sure - ly hear me When to Him I call; When to Him I call.
hearts be - fore Him. Place in Him your trust; Place in Him your trust.
LORD Pro - tect - or, My soul safe - ly keep; My soul safe - ly keep.

Minister: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Congregation: His mercy endures for ever.

Minister: Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. In this manner, the whole Congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need that all Christians continually have to renew our repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

∫ SILENT CONFESSION

Minister: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you 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 wretchedness, 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.

Congregation: Amen.

†READING OF THE COVENANT

First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

PSALM 103:1-12

Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD 103C

1. ¹Come, my soul, and bless the LORD, all with - in me bless his name!
 2. He will crown you with his love, with his ten - der mer - cies true,
 3. ⁸For the LORD is slow to wrath, full of mer - cy, full of grace.
 4. ¹¹As the heav'ns are high a - bove all the earth which God has made,

²Come, my soul, and bless the LORD; and for - get not all his grace:
⁵and he fills your life with good; like the ea - gle, youth re - news.
 He a - bounds in stead - fast love, ⁹will not chide for end - less days.
 so to those who fear the LORD is his lov - ing - kind - ness great.

³all your sins the LORD for - gives, all your sick - ness - es he heals.
⁶God, the righ - teous judge, de - fends all op - pressed and bro - ken ones,
 God will not re - tain his wrath, ¹⁰he will not re - pay our sins;
¹²Far as east is from the west, he re - moves so far from us,

⁴He re - deems you from the pit; his com - pas - sion he re - veals.
⁷show - ing Mo - ses all his ways and his deeds to Is - r'el's sons.
 he will nev - er deal with us as our wick - ed - ness de - mands.
 in his great, a - bound - ing love, all our guilt and wick - ed - ness.

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Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

PSALM

#103C:5-8

PSALM 103:13-22

103C (continued)

5. ¹³As a fa - ther shows his love un - to all his chil - dren dear,
 6. So man flour - ish - es and thrives like a grow - ing mead - ow flow'r.
 7. His un - fail - ing righ - teous - ness shall to chil - dren's chil - dren be,
 8. ²⁰Bless the LORD, you an - gel hosts, might - y ones who do his word,

so the LORD dis - plays his love to those trust - ing him in fear.
¹⁶When the wind blows, it is gone, and its place is known no more.
¹⁸to the ones who cov - nant keep and his good com - mand - ments heed.
 who o - bey his voice and word; ²¹all his ser - vants, bless the LORD!

¹⁴He re - mem - bers we are dust, and our fee - ble frame he knows.
¹⁷But the stead - fast love of God, shown to those who fear his name,
¹⁹God the LORD has set his throne; in the heav - ens it shall stand,
 All his hosts who do his will, ²²all his works in all his world

¹⁵As for man, his days are like ten - der grass that quick - ly grows.
 is from all e - ter - ni - ty to e - ter - ni - ty the same.
 and his sov - 'reign king - dom rules o - ver all at his com - mand.
 bless the LORD in ev - 'ry place. Come, my soul, and bless the LORD!

Third Reading: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Minister: This is the Word of YAHWEH!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

THE HOPE OF PENITENCE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Minister: Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be for us a symbol of our mortality and a sign of our penitence, that we may remember that it is by your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Congregation: Amen.

At this Time, anyone seeking to receive the Imposition of Ashes is to proceed forward.

PSALM

#51C

God, Be Merciful to Me

51C

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust, by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 make my spirit right and true;
 cast me not away from thee,
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 thy salvation's joy impart,
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
 and return, O God, to thee;
 Savior, all my guilt remove,
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,
 and my mouth shall praise accord.

7. Not the formal sacrifice
 hath acceptance in thine eyes;
 broken hearts are in thy sight
 more than sacrificial rite;
 contrite spirit, pleading cries,
 thou, O God, wilt not despise.

8. Prosper Zion in thy grace
 and her broken walls replace;
 then our righteous sacrifice
 shall delight thy holy eyes;
 free-will off'rings, gladly made,
 on thine altar shall be laid.

∫ CONFESSION AND LITANY OF PENITENCE

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

ALL: Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you, and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned, through our own fault,
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us,

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For our unrighteous anger, bitterness, and resentment; for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call. Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For our negligence in prayer and worship; for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

Minister: For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

Congregation: For we have sinned against you.

ALL: Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may

please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pass the peace of Christ to your brothers and sisters seated near you.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Minister: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Mt. 11:28)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 Jn. 2:1, 2)

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

∫THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal-low-ed be Thy Name, Thy King - dom come,

Thy will— be done on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,

and for - give us our debts, — as we for - give our debt - ors,

and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er and the glo - ry For - ev - er! A - men.

Minister: Let us pray.

ALL: O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart:
that desiring you, we may seek you;
and that seeking you, we may find you;
and that finding you, we may love you;
and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: Rise and go in the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ!