



*A Service of Worship and Reflection*

February 22, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

PRELUDE

**“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**  
*Nocturne by Cindy Berry*

Helen H. Lemmel

WORDS OF PREPARATION AND REFLECTION

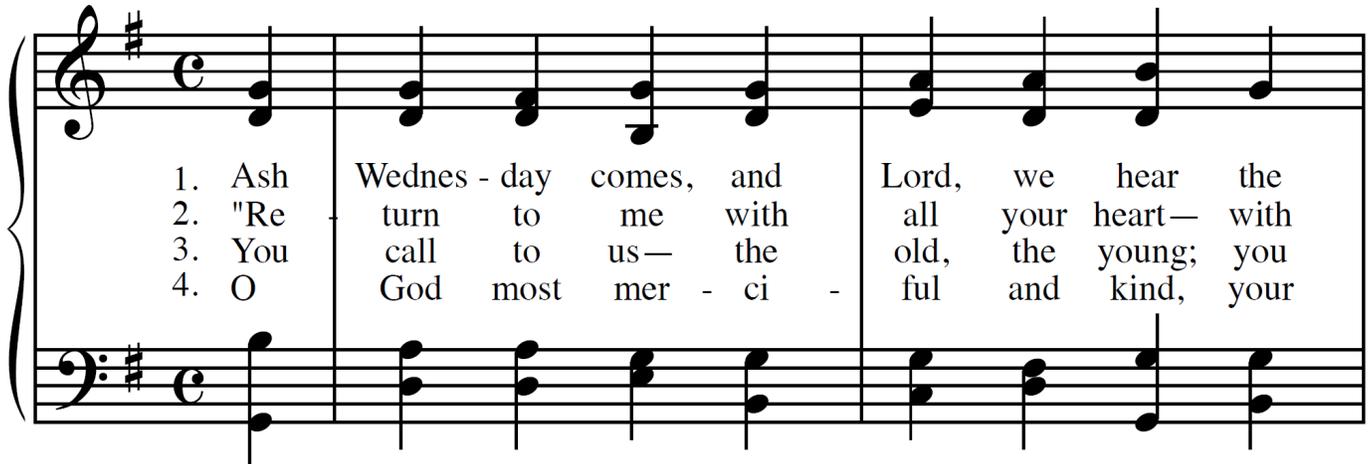
OPENING SONG

**“Ash Wednesday Comes,  
and Lord We Hear”**

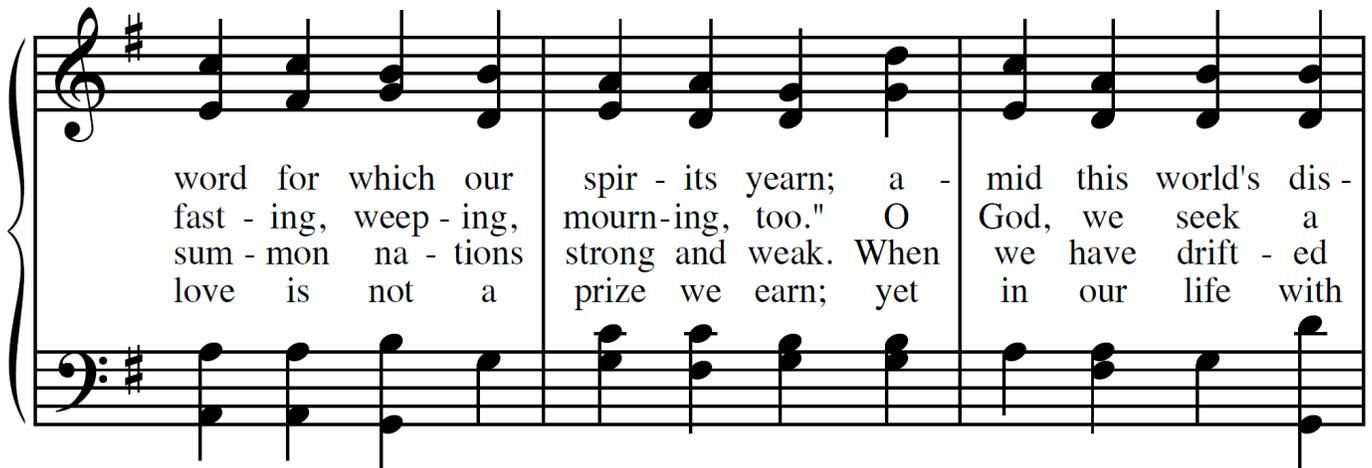
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

# Ash Wednesday Comes and, Lord, We Hear

TALLIS' CANON LM ("All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night")



1. Ash Wednes - day comes, and Lord, we hear the  
2. "Re turn to me with all your heart— with  
3. You call to us— the old, the young; you  
4. O God most mer - ci - ful and kind, your



word for which our spir - its yearn; a - mid this world's dis -  
fast - ing, weep - ing, mourn - ing, too." O God, we seek a  
sum - mon na - tions strong and weak. When we have drift - ed  
love is not a prize we earn; yet in our life with



ness and fear, we hear your lov - ing call: "Re - turn!"  
brand new start, a new be - gin - ning here with you.  
toward the wrong, you call us back, your way to seek.  
you we find the joy that comes when we re - turn.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We come to worship God as the Lenten season begins, aware of our frailty and our failings.

**People: We come seeking God's mercy, acknowledging our mortality.**

Pastor: Having received the waters of baptism, we are marked now with ashes.

**People: The treasures of this earth do not last; our treasure is in heaven, our heart's true home.**

## MUSIC

**"Change My Heart, O God"**

Eddie Espinosa  
arr. Mark Hayes

## REFLECTION

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Trusting in divine mercy, and with humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**People: Merciful God, whose ways are good and true, we confess that we have not lived as Christ has called us to live. We have shut our eyes to evils our world allows. We have sealed our ears from the cries of the suffering whose pain we abide. We have clung to the hostility we harbor against one another and hardened our hearts to the creative power of love.**

Pastor: Therefore we pray: Open our eyes to see injustice in our world.

**People: Give us courage to resist the powers that oppress the poor.**

Pastor: Open our ears to hear the cry of the needy.

**People: Teach us generosity for sharing the abundance of your creation.**

Pastor: Open our minds to imagine an end to human strife.

**People: Grant us wisdom to pursue the ways of peace.**

Pastor: Open our hearts to love our neighbors and our enemies near and far.

**People: Give us desire to embody the compassion of Christ.**

Pastor: For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ we pray.

**People: Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: According to the Lord's abundant mercy, there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SONG

**"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

No. 729  
*Glory to God*

# 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,  
In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

REFLECTION

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 51:1-17

**Pastor:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

**People:** **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

**Pastor:** Indeed, I am guilty. But you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be brighter than new-fallen snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**People:** **Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

**Pastor:** Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. Open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**People:** **For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

*INVITATION TO OBSERVE THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE*

SONG

“Change My Heart, O God”

No. 695  
*Glory to God*

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. *Fine*

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *to Refrain / al Estribillo / 후렴*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Holy God, as the Ordinary season now turns to Lent, we pray that you will guide us in the days ahead. As we journey with Jesus Christ, give us an abiding sense of your presence, an unguarded sense of ourselves, and an awareness of the needs of this world. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

**Pastor:** Loving God, as we are marked with the ashes of earth, we bring before you the frailty of our very human lives, the fragility of our health, the tenuousness of our accomplishments and plans, the changing nature of even our closest relationships. Grant us patience in suffering and healing from our ills. Give us, in equal measure, humility and hope in our pursuits. Bind us in covenantal love that is both constant yet able to change according to the needs and circumstances before us. Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

**Pastor:** Just God, you call us to loosen the bonds of injustice, to care for those in need, to lift the burdens that bind others. We ask you to increase our courage and our will to work for the freedom and peace you envision and demand. We pray for an end to warfare and conflict, accepting our calling to be peacemakers. We pray for an end to hunger and homelessness, knowing we are called to share our bread and to open our doors. We pray for an end to false righteousness, evil speech, and shallow piety in our lives, in the church, in our national life, and among all the nations. Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

**Pastor:** Forever God, we pray that your kingdom will come in fullness; that what is perishable will be raised imperishable; and that death itself will be swallowed up in victory; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## SONG

### “Restore in Us, O God”

No. 434  
*Glory to God*



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love;  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your power;  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy;  
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace,



re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
from fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flower.  
bap - tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
that we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

SONG

“May God Support You All Your Days”

No. 548  
Glory to God

1 May God sup - port you all your days, in times of  
 2 May God con - firm your heart's de - sire and bring to  
 3 May God be near you when you pray, to help you  
 4 Our hope is in the Ho - ly One. The swift and

glad - ness and in need. May God re - mem - ber you with  
 full - ness all your plans. May God's sus - tain - ing love in -  
 with a gen - tle hand. May God for - ev - er guide your  
 strong will sure - ly fall, but you will stand with God a -

grace and bless your ev - ery word and deed.  
 spire your shouts of praise and joy - ful dance.  
 way and lead you to the prom - ised land.  
 lone, who hears and an - swers when you call.

REFLECTION

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

REFLECTION

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

LITANY OF IMPOSITION

Pastor: We bow our heads before you, O God, aware of our sinfulness and our shortcomings. Remembering our baptism, the watermark of the cross upon us,

**People: We also receive this ashen cross upon our foreheads – another sign that in life and in death, we belong to you.**

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we pray. Amen.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND THE LORD’S SUPPER

*If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.*

*If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle for the Imposition of Ashes and receive the Communion elements from the servers before returning to your seat using the side aisles. Pastors and servers will bring ashes and communion elements to the seats of those who cannot come forward.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

SONG

**“Our Darkness Is Never Darkness in Your Sight”**

No. 678  
Glory to God

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the  
La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi: la

( Am ) ( G ) ( C ) ( Dm6 ) ( Esus ) ( E )  
Bm A D Em6 F#sus F#

deep - est night is clear as the day - light.  
nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re.

SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM

**“Wondrous Love”**  
Sanctuary Choir

John Jacob Niles

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing  
While millions join the theme, I will sing*

**BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

Please depart in silence

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**Service Participants:**  
Pastor Keith L. DeVries  
Pastor Ivan N. Herman  
Keith Atwater, Music Director  
Rick Schlosser, Organist

## **WELCOME TO ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

This worship service introduces us to the season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. Lent traditionally begins on Ash Wednesday, so named because of the ancient practice of wearing ashes as a sign of humility and repentance. This practice was employed by Christians to signify total dependence on God.

**The Imposition of Ashes** is the actual marking on the forehead in the form of a cross with ashes that come from the burning of palms used on the previous Palm Sunday.

**The Lord's Supper** will be celebrated tonight after receiving the imposition of ashes. Proceed down the center aisle to receive your ashes, partake of the Communion elements, and return to your seat using the side aisles.

**The Taizé Service** is a unique style of worship which includes periods of silence broken by brief readings of scripture and the singing of a certain style of music. Taizé music, largely written by members of the Taizé community, involves the use of simple, brief texts sung repetitively as a meditation. Taizé worship services are best when periods of silence are spent in meditation, reflection, contemplation, and prayer.

**The Liturgical Color of Purple** in our sanctuary is a visual reminder that we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a journey which leads us to Jesus' final days, his death, and finally on Easter morning, his resurrection. May the traditional Lenten colors serve as a reminder that we are to observe a holy Lent through self-examination, penitence, prayer, works of love, and reading/meditating on the Word of God.

***Childcare is available in Room 102.***



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