

***CLOSING HYMN #213**

In the cross of Christ I glory

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

May the God of peace
make you holy in every way
and keep your whole being—
spirit, soul, and body—
free from every fault
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Congregation may leave in silent reflection

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Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025 7:00 PM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
by Lizzie Tourjee arr. Larry Shackley*

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God
God sent Christ into the world
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength,
a present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though the waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God's love endures forever.

***OPENING HYMN # 166**

Lord, who throughout these forty days

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

**Gracious God,
out of your love and mercy
you breathed into dust the breath of life,
creating us to serve you and neighbors.
Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness,
and strengthen us to face our mortality,
that we may reach with confidence for your mercy;
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper,
by your Holy Spirit open our minds,
that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth
and be taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 58:1-8*

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21.*

SERMON *Inside Out* *Rev. Tom Dunlap*

A LENTEN MEDITATION

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

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.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes.
This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life,
and marks the penitence of this community.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

*HYMN #215

What wonderful love is this, O my soul, O my soul

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God,
you have created us out of the dust of the earth.
May these ashes be for us
a sign of our mortality and penitence,
and a reminder that only by your gracious gift
are we given everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

After all who desire have received ashes:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of our Savior,
bring us with all your saints
to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

UNISON PRAYER

God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you reconciled your people to yourself.
Following his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.

**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.**

Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.

**Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

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