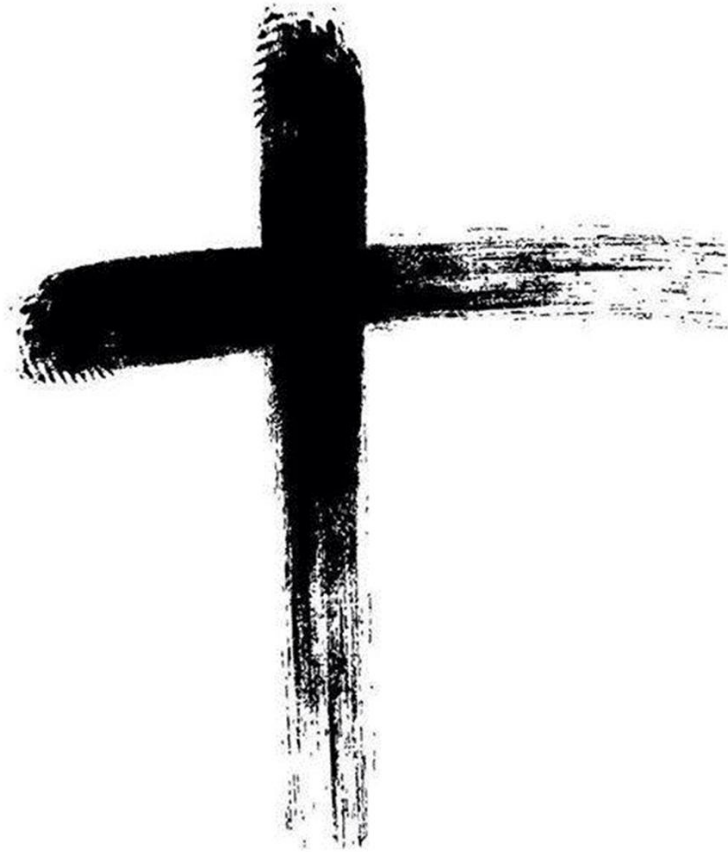


# **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**6:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.**

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## **PRELUDE**

### **✠ THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES ✠**

*You may receive ashes before worship begins at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

## **WELCOME**

### **OPENING HYMN #435**

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

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- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## **PSALM 51:1-3; 10-12**

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!**

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

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.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Let us humbly go to God, confessing our sins.

**P** Almighty, eternal, loving Father,

**C** **we confess to You and one another not only  
that we have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions  
but that each failing has been a symptom  
of our sinful condition.**

**We have tried to overlook our faults  
but realize the truth of our fallenness.**

**We have tried to do better by our own strength  
but have fallen back into sin again.**

**We are helpless to change by ourselves.**

**P** Let us go to our gracious God, asking for mercy.

**C** **We are not the people You would have us be;  
we are not what we had hoped for;  
we throw ourselves on the mercy of Your holy court,  
asking Your forgiveness and renewal of life  
for the sake of our Savior, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

**P** God does not desire the death of sinners,  
but that they may live forgiven in His presence.  
He sent His Son, our Lord Jesus, to take our sins upon Himself  
and then to rise in our place,  
drawing people of faith to His eternal realm.

In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

## SONG

Clean

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Precious blood has left me forgiven,  
Pure like the whitest of snow,  
Powerful to make sin and shame retreat.  
This covenant is making me whole.

Chorus: So, I will rise and lift my head,  
For by His mercy, my life was spared.  
The highest Name has set me free.  
Because of Jesus My heart is clean.

Purify my heart in Your presence,  
Teach me to discover the joy  
Of holiness that forms as You draw me close.  
In You what was lost is restored. *Chorus 2x*

## READING

*Genesis 18:1-15*

And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

**P** Long ago, at many times and in many ways,  
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

**G** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

### SERMON HYMN #575

### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

## **SERMON**

## **OFFERING**

## **A TIME FOR PRAYER**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with You.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine. Our Lord invites to his table those who repent of all sin, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. If you have never communed at Gloria Dei before or are unsure about what is taking place, please talk to Pastor Meyer. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

## CLOSING SENTENCES

- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**P** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN #550

Lamb of God

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- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

## POSTLUDE