

# Ash Wednesday



March 5, 2025, 7 PM

## What's Happening in Worship?

Welcome

Hymn 166 Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days

Prayer for Mercy—Psalm 51:1-17

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

**Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**

Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

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

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

**Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

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

**For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;**

you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

**Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;**

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Hymn *Lamb of God*—Twila Paris

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

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

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious Blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

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

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Prayer of Confession

Let us pray.

**Holy and merciful God,**

**we confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven  
and on earth,**

**that we have sinned by 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.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have not listened 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.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:

The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**we confess to you, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

**we confess to you, O God.**

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**we confess to you, O God.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,

and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**we confess to you, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**we confess to you, O God.**

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**accept our repentance, O God.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**accept our repentance, O God.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**accept our repentance, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Favorably hear us, O God,**

**for your mercy is great. Amen.**

Hymn 215 *What Wondrous Love is This*

Introduction to Imposition of Ashes

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