

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prélude

J. Langlais

Asperges me. Cleanse me.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blow the trumpet in Zion;

sound the alarm upon the holy mountain!

Let everyone tremble,

for the day of the Lord is near.

* HYMN 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have been a rebellious people. We have broken your covenant, and we have tolerated injustice in our land. We have not shared our food with the hungry, we have not sheltered the homeless, and we have not aided the destitute. We quarrel and fight among ourselves, and we use religion to cover our deceit. We have become a mockery of our heritage; the world looks at us and asks, Where is their God? Forgive us, O God. Subdue our rebellious hearts and restore in us the light of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

KYRIE (Hymn 551)

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 51:1-17 (NRSV)

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ANTHEM

Forty Days and Nights

M. Bedford

Cherub & Junior Choirs; Wendy Gunther, conductor

Forty days and nights, he stayed, forty days and nights he prayed, all alone, yet unafraid, Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus went to fast and pray, faced temptation ev'ry day, from God's love he did not stray, may we follow in his way.

GOSPEL READING

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John 11:1-16 (NRSV)

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MEDITATION

Rev. Mark Hults

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Aria on a Chaconne

J. Martinson

* **DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

REPENTANCE AND GRACE

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

In life and in death, I belong to God.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten Free Bread)

COMMUNION PRAYER

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING

* **HYMN 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

* **BENEDICTION**

THIS EVENING IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Norah Barat, Rev. Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Parker Lundy

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHERUB CHOIR, JUNIOR CHOIR

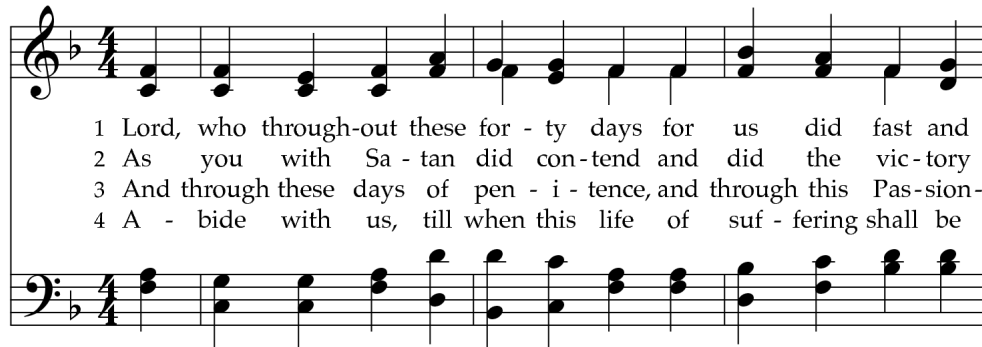
ELDER ON DUTY: Sarah Whitfield

USHERS: Paul Bennett, Tom Chamberlain, Dan Sutton, Carol Turner

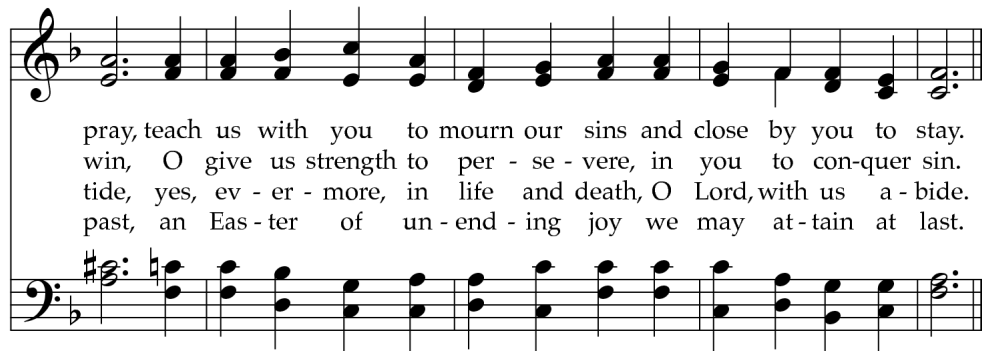
A/V TEAM: Troy Bleeker, Frank Counts

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season in the church year known as Lent. Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of Easter and to renew our life in the mystery of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. 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, a biblical symbol of mourning and penitence of the community of faith. We 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, beginning with this service today.

Lord, Who throughout These 166 Forty Days



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

TEXT: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873, alt.
MUSIC: Day's *Psalter*, 1562

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 51:1-17 (NRSV)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against 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. ⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. ⁶You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. ¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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Thanks be to God.

What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

TEXT: American folk hymn, c. 1811

MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1965
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GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-16 (NRSV)

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

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We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings and for the special worship services during this Lenten and Easter Season:

Holy Week

March 24 • Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

March 28 • Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-17; 31b-35

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

March 29 • Good Friday

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. Gordon Hall

March 31 • Easter Sunday

Mark 16:1-8

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.


in the Sanctuary

Holy Communion

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