

Lamb of God

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**Composition 6**

Communion Hymn: For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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**Composition 7**

The Blessing: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen us, comfort us, and keep us in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms a means of making peace, and let our prayer be the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SENDING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace. **Amen.**

Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus

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**Composition 8**

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: **Pardon J.F. Rickley Composition 9**

Our mid-week Lent observances will continue next week with a simple soup supper at 5:45 pm and worship at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Please join us!

Thank you to our musicians: Barbara Ovitt (flute), Valerie Winfield (viola), and James Rickley(organ/piano)!



# Ash Wednesday Worship

## February 26, 2020

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### GATHERING

Prelude: **Prayer J.F. Rickley**

**Composition 1**

Invitation to Lent

Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of prayer that begins the season of Lent. On this day we confess our sin in a litany of repentance. During Lent's forty days we are invited to carry out the Lenten discipline which includes the practices of fasting, prayer and works of love, even as we accompany people around the world who are preparing for baptism at Easter. On this day we may also receive the sign of ashes. This ancient symbol of repentance reminds us of our mortality. Returning to God's mercy and grace, and marked with the cross of Christ, we make our way through Lent, longing for the baptismal waters of Easter, our spiritual rebirth.

We being in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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**Composition 2**

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Let us pray...

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

Gospel Acclamation: Return to the Lord Your God

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**Composition 3**

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37  
The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn: Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song

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**Composition 4**

Call to Repentance (*cong. is seated*)

Psalm 32:1-5

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
(*silence for reflection & self-examination*)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**have mercy on us.**

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Imposition of Ashes (*The congregation remains seated as our prayer of confession continues with quiet meditation. Please come forward as you desire to receive the ashes.*)

(*After all have received the ashes, our prayer of confession concludes...*)

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 your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

Prayers of the People (*the congregation stands*)

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**  
(*The congregation is seated for the offering*)

Offering **Penitence** **J.F. Rickley** **Composition 5**

Offertory Prayer: **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 sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

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.**

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Return to God with all your heart.  
Receive bread for the journey and drink for the dry and desert places.