

Ash Wednesday Prayer Liturgy

Opening Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

Hymn :: And Can it Be

*And can it be that I should, that I should gain
and interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who cause His, who caused His pain
For me, who Hum to death pursued*

Amazing love! how can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*He left His throne, His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all, of all but love
and bled for us, a helpless race*

Amazing love! how can it be, that Though, my God, shouldst die for me

*My chains fell off my heart was free, I rose
My chains fell off, my heart was free, went forth, and followed*

Call to Fasting :: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Consideration of the Ashes:

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, calls us to heartfelt repentance, and urges us to place our hope in God alone.

Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes remind us of our mortality and repentance and teach us again that only by Your gracious gift are we given everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. (Genesis 3:19)

Consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:11)

Call to Confession :: 1 John 1:5-10

Psalm of Response :: Psalm 51:1-17

Assurance of Forgiveness :: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Hymn :: Fast From, Feast On

*Fast from the swelling darkness,
Feast on the power of His light
Fast from discontentment,
Feast on the joy that He brings*

*Sustainer, Protector, the Well of Life
My Helper, My Comfort, The Bread of Life
Is You*

*Fast from the fear that haunts us,
Feast on the power of His might
Fast from the trap of Judgement,
Feast on all that's been redeemed*

*Sustainer, Protector, the Well of Life
My Helper, My Comfort, The Bread of Life
Is You*

*From the sorrow's shadow to perfect light!
From the darkness of our doubt to a cleansing white
From the sorrow's shadow to perfect light
From the blindness of our sin to healing sight*

*Sustainer, Protector, the Well of Life
My Helper, My comfort, The Bread of Life
Is You*

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We praise you, O God, for creating this world,
for creating us in your image, for remaking us after the image of Jesus
We acknowledge our sin before you, trusting in your gracious love toward us.
Accept now our praise to you:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

Silence and Contemplation

Closing Prayer:

Alright God give to us, you people, pardon and peace. Go with us as we walk in the way of Christ in this season, that we may come to know you more fully. Amen.