

*Imposition of Ashes  
Communion Service  
February 17, 2021  
7:00 p.m.*

Prelude: [“Savior, When in Dust to Thee,” piano](#) [1:47]

Silent Prayer

**\*Ash Wednesday Liturgy**

*Please stand*

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Leader: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

**All: have mercy on us.**

Leader: For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

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

Leader: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

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

Leader: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

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

Leader: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

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

Leader: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with fruits of creation:

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

Leader: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

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

Leader: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

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

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

While devoutly cherished, the imposition of ashes is an optional portion of the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Those who are uncomfortable receiving the ashes due to the coronavirus pandemic are welcome to use this time for self-examination and repentance.

**Imposition of Ashes**

All are invited to *Meditation*: [“Panis Angelicus,” Alana West, Alto Saxophone](#) [5:24]

*Please stand*

Leader: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation.

**All: That we may show forth your glory to the world.**

Leader: By the cross and Passion of Your Son, our Lord.

**All: Bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.**

Leader: Almighty God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that these things may please Him which we do on this day, that the end of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to His eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Be Thou My Vision”

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**\*Greeting and Kyrie**

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**\*Prayer of the Day:** (in unison) Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**HEAR GOD’S WORD:**

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

Bible pg 1152

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm:** Psalm 51:1-17 (read responsively)

Bible pg 889

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:10

Bible pg 1799

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**\*Verse:** “Return to the Lord,…”

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**\*The Gospel is Announced:** “Glory to you, O Lord”

\*Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Bible pg 1503

**\*Response to the Gospel:** “Praise to you, O Christ”

[Communion Meditation](#) [15:41]

Mr. Christopher Shealy

**\*Nicene Creed**

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\*Prayers: Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**\*The Sharing the Peace:** Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. LBW pg 66

**All: And also with you.**

The Service of Holy Communion

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

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\*Words of Institution

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**\*The Lord’s Prayer**

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The Congregation Communes

*Piano Meditations*

**\*Post-Communion Canticle**

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\*Post-Communion Prayer

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\*Blessing

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**\*Closing Hymn:** “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

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\*Dismissal: Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Postlude: “Lament,” piano

Silence for Reflection

**While the Postlude is being played, the congregation is asked to wait quietly until the ushers come to safely dismiss each individual pew.**

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**Worship Assistants**

**Acolyte:** Mary Grace Bryant

**Crucifer:** Sarah Bryant

**Lay Reader:** Cayce Lybrand

**Communion Stewards:** Kim Crone and George Piersol

**Locking of Church:** Susie Epting

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