



Duke
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CHAPEL

Service of Worship

Ash Wednesday

February 10, 2016, Goodson Chapel

Eight o'clock in the morning

~ Bridging Faith and Learning ~



Today marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday occurs forty days before Easter, not including six Sundays (which are considered feast days), and recalls Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, itself mirroring the Israelites' forty years in the desert. Our Scripture readings speak of penitence and the bitter sadness of being separated from God. David mourns the destructive effects of his adultery, and cries out for personal restoration. Isaiah extols the need for collective repentance, and how the Lord's command to fast is intimately tied to a call for justice and mercy for the vulnerable. Jesus himself teaches how we are to give, pray, and fast, avoiding hypocrisy, and seeking in our spiritual disciplines to store up treasure in heaven, not affirmation on earth.

*The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.*

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: as we hear your word today, rescue us from the chaos of sin, and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 58:1–12

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1–17

(The congregation will sing the text in bold type.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY—As If

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

PRAYER OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those wishing to receive ashes will come forward to the stations. When all who desire have received the ashes, the service will continue as follows:

LITANY OF PENITENCE

(The congregation responds with the text in bold.)

God the Father,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,

Have mercy on us.

From our pride, vanity, and hypocrisy,
and from all our evil plans,

Deliver us.

From our envy and malice,
and from our hardness of heart,

Deliver us.

From our sloth and worldliness,
and our lack of compassion,

Deliver us.

From our love of money, our hoarding of possessions,
and our relentless desire to accumulate more,

Deliver us.

From the lust for sexual pleasure
that obscures the true gift of love in us and in others,

Deliver us.

From the gorging of food, the indulging of our appetites,
and our neglect of the hungry,

Deliver us.

From our hatred, anger, and quick temper,
and from our reluctance to be reconciled with those we have hurt,

Deliver us.

Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PEACE

(Exchange signs and words of God's peace.)

CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The congregation responds to each petition: "Hear our prayer.")

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 417

O For a Heart to Praise My God

RICHMOND

*POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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