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Ash Wednesday

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Mike Moyers, *Ash*, 2016.

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross marked on our foreheads at baptism. Originally a time of preparation for those who were to be baptized at the Vigil of Easter, Lent invites us to deepen our baptismal callings, to bear the fruits of mercy and justice more intentionally in the world, and to follow Jesus's teaching to give, pray, and fast. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

## Gathering

### Opening Voluntary

Lamento

Jehan Alain  
(1911–1940)

### Greeting and Announcements

\*Processional Hymn | UMH 515

Out of the Depths I Cry to You

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## Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

**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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 798 in the pew Bibles.

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

Miserere mei, Deus

William Byrd  
(c. 1540–1623)

Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.  
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum:  
dele iniquitatem meam.

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offenses.  
Wash me throughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.*

—Psalm 51:1–2

\*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 5–6 in the pew Bibles.

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

Confession

**Most holy and merciful God,  
we confess to you and to one another,  
and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our fault,  
by our own fault,  
by our own most grievous fault,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

Litany of Penitence | The congregation responds with the text in bold:

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

\*All rise as able

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

\*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

### Prayer Over the Ashes

**Imposition of Ashes** | Those wishing to receive ashes will come forward to the stations while the choir sings Psalm 51.

**Penitential Psalm** | The Latin text and translation may be found on the insert.

Miserere mei, Deus

Gregorio Allegri  
(1582–1652)

### 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:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

## Sending Forth

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

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1. E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2. So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3. If dead in you so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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Music: *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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**On Ash Wednesday:**  
**An Examination of Conscience through the Ten Commandments**

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Having no other gods	<i>Do I love God with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength?</i>
Making no idols	<i>Do I put possessions, career, family, reputation, or health ahead of God? Do I treat money, sex, and power as gifts or gods?</i>
Revering God's name	<i>Do all my words and actions glorify God?</i>
Keeping the Sabbath	<i>Do I let work take over my life? Do I find my identity in work or in being God's child? Do I set aside a full day each week to rest?</i>
Honoring parents	<i>Do my parents know I value and respect them? Do my children?</i>
Respecting life	<i>How do I respond when I am humiliated, insulted, or treated unfairly? Am I quick to forgive, or do I hold grudges and seek revenge? Do I let my anger get the better of me?</i>
Respecting relationships	<i>Do I treat friends or strangers as objects of my lust? Do I respect the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself? Do I treat sex as a precious and holy gift?</i>
Respecting property	<i>Am I greedy? Do I have things that rightly belong to others? Am I honest with regard to tax, expenses, loans, and debts? Am I a generous giver?</i>
Respecting truth	<i>Do I exaggerate to impress? Do I gossip? Do I keep my promises? Do I face the truth about myself? Do I share my true self with others?</i>
Governing desires	<i>Am I jealous? Am I thankful? Am I content with what God has given me? Do I curse the fact that life always seems easier for others?</i>

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**A Lenten Prayer—For Personal Lenten Discipline**

*Lord Jesus, you fasted and prayed in the wilderness for forty days. Help me to fast and pray during this time of Lent. Free my mind from distraction and protect me from the snares of the devil, that I may learn to love you and my neighbors more. Give me a spirit of generosity, so that I might share my gifts more freely with those who have less. Teach me to pray, that I might offer you praise and thanksgiving. Help me make time to reflect on your Word; may it challenge, console, and purify me. Be with me in times of hurt, doubt, and confusion. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, free me from sin, let me rise with you this Easter. I ask this in the name of Jesus, who died that I might be forgiven and have life to the full. Amen.*

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Miserere mei, Deus (Psalm 51)

Gregorio Allegri  
(1582–1652)

Miserere mei, Deus:  
secundum magnam  
misericordiam tuam.

*Have mercy upon me, O God:  
after Thy great goodness.*

Et secundum multitudinem  
miserationum tuarum;  
dele iniquitatem meam.

*According to the multitude  
of Thy mercies;  
do away mine offences.*

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea:  
et a peccato meo munda me.

*Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:  
and cleanse me from my sin.*

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego  
cognosco: et peccatum meum  
contra me est semper.

*For I acknowledge my faults:  
and my sin is ever before me.*

Tibi soli peccavi,  
et malum coram te feci:  
ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis,  
et vincas cum judicaris.

*Against Thee only have I sinned,  
and done this evil in thy sight:  
that Thou mightest be justified in Thy  
saying, and clear when Thou art judged.*

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus  
conceptus sum: et in peccatis  
concepit me mater mea.

*Behold, I was shapen in wickedness:  
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.*

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti:  
incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae  
manifestasti mihi.

*But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward  
parts: and shalt make me to understand  
wisdom secretly.*

Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor:  
lavabis me, et super  
nivem dealbabor.

*Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I  
shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I  
shall be whiter than snow.*

Auditui meo dabis gaudium  
et laetitiam: et exultabunt  
ossa humiliata.

*Thou shalt make me hear of joy and  
gladness: that the bones which Thou hast  
broken may rejoice.*

Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis:  
et omnes iniquitates meas dele.

*Turn Thy face from my sins: and put out  
all my misdeeds.*

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus:  
et spiritum rectum innova  
in visceribus meis.

*Make me a clean heart, O God:  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

Ne proicias me a facie tua:  
et spiritum sanctum tuum ne  
auferas a me.

*Cast me not away from Thy presence:  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.*

Redde mihi laetitiam salutaris tui:  
et spiritu principali confirma me.

*O give me the comfort of Thy help again:  
and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.*

Docebo iniquos vias tuas:  
et impii ad te convertentur.

*Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked:  
and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.*

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus,  
Deus salutis meae:  
et exultabit lingua mea  
justitiam tuam.

*Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God,  
Thou that art the God of my health:  
and my tongue shall sing of Thy  
righteousness.*

Domine, labia mea aperies:  
et os meum annuntiabit  
laudem tuam.

*Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord:  
and my mouth shall show  
Thy praise.*

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium,  
dedissem utique: holocaustis  
non delectaberis.

*For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I  
give it Thee: but Thou delightest not in  
burnt-offerings.*

Sacrificium Deo spiritus  
contribulatus: cor contritum,  
et humiliatum, Deus, non despicias.

*The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit:  
a broken and contrite heart, O God,  
shalt Thou not despise.*

Benigne fac, Domine,  
in bona voluntate tua Sion:  
ut aedificentur muri Ierusalem.

*O be favourable and gracious unto Sion:  
build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.*

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae,  
oblaciones, et holocausta:  
tunc imponent super altare  
tuum vitulos.

*Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice  
of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings  
and oblations: then shall they offer young  
bullocks upon Thine altar.*