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 the Israelites’ forty years in the desert and Jesus’ forty days in the wilderness. Lent is an opportunity to go deeply into our hearts and the souls of our communities, and to recognize the horror and depth of our estrangement from God. In practicing the disciplines of Lent, such as self-examination and repentance, we seek systematically to put things right.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

ENTRANCE

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN 269
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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.

ANTHEM
Let My Prayer Come Up
Let my prayer come up into thy presence as incense:
Let the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice.

—Psalm 141:2

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY—The Real You

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 with the Litany of Penitence.
Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir,  
Herr Gott, erhör mein Ruf'en! 
Dein gnädig Ohren kehr zu mir,  
und meiner Bitt' sie öffen', 
Auch Sünd und Unrecht ist getan,  
wer kann, Herr, für dir bleiben?  

Bei dir gilt nichts denn Gnad'  
und Gunst, die Sünde zu vergeben,  
es ist doch unser Tun umsonst  
auch in dem besten Leben.  
Für dir niemand sich rühmen kann,  
des muß dich fürchten jedermann  
und deiner Gnaden leben.  

Darum auf Gott will hoffen ich,  
auf mein Verdienst nicht bauen,  
auf ihn mein Herz soll lassen sich  
und seiner Gnade trauen,  
die mir zusagt sein wertes Wort,  
das ist mein Trost und treuer Hort,  
des will ich allzeit harren.  

Und ob es währt bis in die Nacht  
und wieder an den Morgen,  
soll doch mein Herz an Gottes Macht  
verzweifeln nicht noch sorgen.  
So tu Israel rechter Art,  
der aus dem Geist erzeuget ward  
und seines Gotts erharre.  

Ob bei uns ist der Sünden viel,  
Bei Gott ist viel mehr Gnade.  
Sein Hand zu helfen hat kein Ziel,  
wie groß auch sei der Schade.  
Er ist allein der Gute Hirt,  
der Israel erlösen wird  
aus seinen Sünden allen.  

Out of the deep I cry to you,  
Lord God, hear my call;  
incline your merciful ear to me  
and be open to my prayer!  
For if you choose to consider  
what sin and injustice have done,  
Lord, who can remain before you?  

With you nothing matters but grace  
and favor in the forgiveness of sins;  
our deeds are therefore useless,  
even in the best life.  
Before you nobody can boast,  
but everyone must fear you  
and live by your grace.  

Therefore I shall hope in God,  
and not build on my own merit;  
my heart will rely on him  
and trust in his goodness,  
which was promised me by his precious word;  
which is my consolation and faithful refuge;  
that I will always trust.  

And even if it lasts through the night  
and again into the morning,  
yet in God's might my heart  
will not abandon hope nor be troubled.  
Act in this way, true race of Israel,  
that was produced from the spirit  
and wait on God.  

Although there is much sin among us,  
with God there is much more mercy;  
his helping hand has no limit,  
however great the harm may be.  
He alone is the Good Shepherd  
who will save Israel  
from all its sins.
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

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand.

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ON ASH WEDNESDAY:
AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
THROUGH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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A LENTEN PRAYER—FOR PERSONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Lord Jesus, you fasted and prayed for forty days. Help me to fast and pray during this time of Lent. Free my mind from distraction and worry, that I may be more aware of your love, and more sensitive to others. 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 be more thankful. 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; unite my sufferings to yours and let them be redemptive. 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 have life to the full. Amen.
Because silence will be observed in these services, a limited capacity nursery will be available for children under 6.

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