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 deep 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**

**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**—Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** 51—(*Pages 785-86 in the hymnal.*)

(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**—Hide and Seek

**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,
an 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;
for 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,
hol 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.*
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.
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