

Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020 ♦ 6:00 PM ♦ Sanctuary



O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde gross, BWV 622..... J. S. Bach

† Greeting Will Compton

Liturgist: *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: *Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.*

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

† Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

**O God, maker of every thing
and judge of all that you have made,
from the dust of the earth you have formed us
and from the dust of death you would raise us up.**

**By Your redemptive power,
create us to be like a well-watered garden;
like a spring whose waters never fail.
Help us to be the repairers of the breach,
restorers of streets to live in,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† Hymn No. 269.....Land of Rest

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Lesson from the Old TestamentIsaiah 58: 1-12

Response to the Word:

Liturgist: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Charles Jarrett

Lord Be With Me

*After the anthem, children should gather at the front for the children's homily
with Pastor Stacey.*

Homily.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

The Fast God Desires

The Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline Carol Cavin-Dillon

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Liturgist: *Holy God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.
Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality
and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your
gracious gift are we given everlasting life:
through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

People: **Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sins.**

**Day after day we seek you and
delight to know your ways.
Yet we serve our own interests on our fast days;
we fast only to quarrel and fight.
We do as we please and exploit all your workers.**

**While all the while, the fast you desire is
to lose the bonds of injustice,
to undue the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.
Do not cast us away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from us.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† Salutation and Thanksgiving

Liturgist: *The peace of the Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Liturgist: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord.*

All: **Holy and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

† Benediction and Dismissal



† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

Worship Leaders

Carol Cavin-Dillon, Will Compton, Stacey Harwell-Dye and Maggie Jarrell
The Asbury Choir, Matthew Phelps, *director*
Andrew Risinger, *organist*

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