

† 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

† *Those who are able may stand.*

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A Service of the Imposition of Ashes

February 14, 2018
Noon



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Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018 ♦ Noon ♦ Sanctuary

O Man, Lament Your Great Sin, BWV 622J.S. Bach

† Greeting

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 for ever.**

† 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 the redemptive power of the cross,
create in us clean hearts
and put within us a new spirit,
that we may repent of our sins
and lead lives worthy of your calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† Hymn No. 269 LAND OF REST
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Lesson from the Old Testament Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Response to the Word:

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

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)*

**Eternal and most merciful God, we are children of dust and can never earn the blessings and goodness you shower upon us. We do not love as you love us, nor do we live as we ought, and our years are soon gone.
God, have mercy upon us.
Lift us above every past regret and present failure; reveal to us our true selves; and give us grace to accept your mercy and courage to live by your promise.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. We have no other hope save in you.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance