

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.

Voluntary

Noon: Prélude from *Suite du Deuxième Tone*..Jean Adam Guilain

6:15 PM: Voluntary in D minor..... William Croft



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

Worship Leaders

Erin Racine

Nancy Parker

Carol Cavin-Dillon

Matthew Phelps

Andrew Risinger



A Service of the Imposition of Ashes

February 22, 2023
Noon and 6:15 p.m.



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Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023 ☐ Noon and 6:15 PM ☐ Sanctuary



Prelude: O Man Bewail Your Grievous Sin..... J. S. Bach

† Call to Worship..... Erin Racine (12:00) Nancy Parker (6:15)

Liturgist: *Today we are reminded of our mortality.*

People: **We are reminded of the ways we struggle with guilt, sin, and despair.**

Liturgist: *Today we pause to reflect on what it means to be human.*

People: **We reflect on the ways the world around us is troubled.**

Liturgist: *Today we mark ourselves with ashes.*

People: **Today we claim our identity as humans, and as children of God.**

† Hymn No. 269..... Land of Rest
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Lesson from the Gospel..... Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Response to the Word:

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily: To Show or Not to Show..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

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*)

**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 sin.
Reveal to us our transgressions,
for we have done what is evil in your sight.
Transform us according to your love,
that we would walk humbly and act justly.
Create in us clean hearts, 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.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in us a willing spirit.**