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## WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR LENT

*Welcome to a special Ash Wednesday service in the Living Lent series, based on the word PONDER. We are reminded today that Lent is a time to ponder our relationship with God and with one another and to discover the love of God seen in the cross and empty tomb. May this service's Imposition of Ashes, readings from Scripture, sermon and hymns all serve to help you to remember that we are people of the resurrection living in Lent.*

### THE GREETING

### THE OPENING HYMN

*"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" - Tune: LSB 437*

O Lord, throughout these forty days, You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust in God's eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry, yet, You prayed and fixed Your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves, since we have known God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

### THE INVOCATION

**P:** We gather as people of the resurrection to begin the holy season of Lent. We pause from our busy schedules to ponder anew how we will live out our Lenten pilgrimage.

**C:** **Lord, help us make Lent a meaningful spiritual journey.**

**P:** We begin our Lenten celebration as we recall the words spoken at our baptism:  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** We focus our attention on living Lent as people of the resurrection.

**C:** **We will ponder on our Lord's passion, living Lent through the open tomb.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: The ransom of our lives was costly. Jesus shed His blood to redeem us. Let us kneel and confess our sins and ask God's forgiveness for the sake of our Savior.

 [You are invited to kneel.]

C: **O Lord, we have a deep need for Your forgiveness; for the wrong we have done, the good we have not done, and the guilt that weighs heavily upon us. Our plea echoes that of King Solomon of old, "O Lord, listen from Your home in heaven, and when You hear, forgive.**

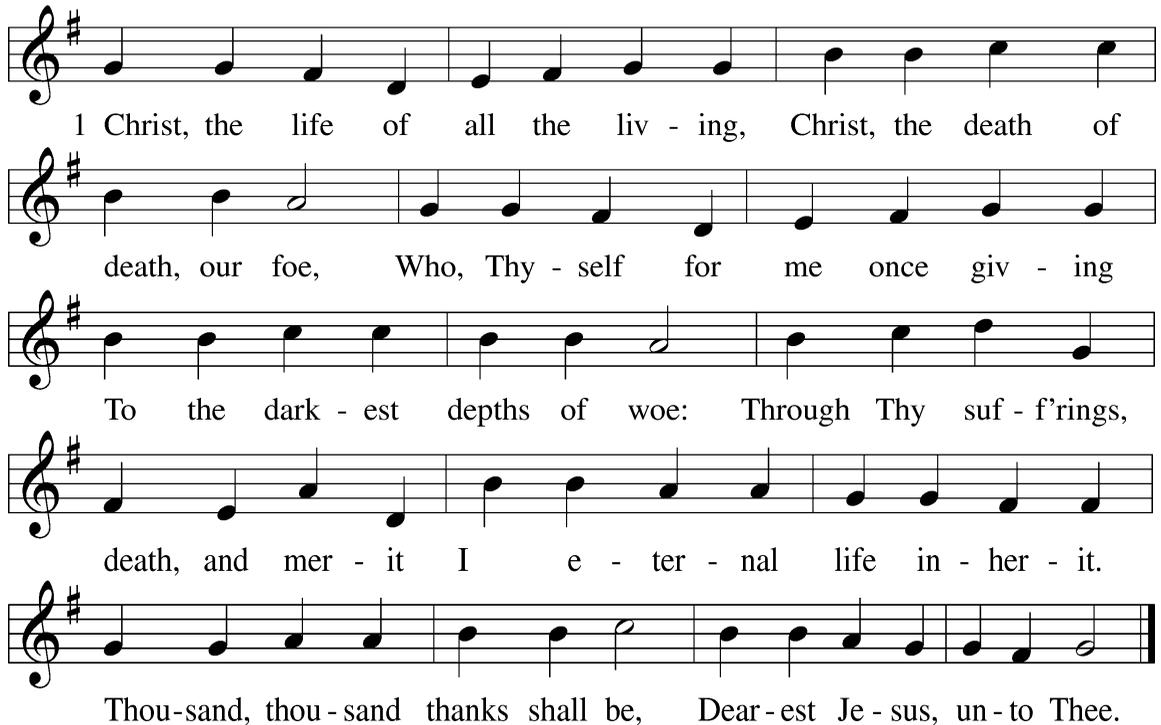
P: The Lord hears your cry. For His sake and by His command, I declare to you the entire forgiveness for all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. We are Lenten people.

C: **We are Lenten people, and Lord have mercy is our cry. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

C: **Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE - "Christ, the Life of All the Living" - LSB 420



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,  
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear-est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

## THE ANTHEM

*“Touch Me With Ashes”*

Touch me with ashes, teach me Your way  
Here in this silence reach me I pray  
Kneeling before You, Lord, I implore You.  
Kyrie, kyrie eleison

Grant me Your mercy, show me Your face  
Here in this moment clothe me in grace  
Kneeling before You, Lord, I implore You.  
Kyrie, kyrie eleison

Life is a vapor, a dream fading fast  
Only the things of the Spirit will last  
We are like dust, with beginning and end  
A flower that fades, a reed in the wind

Lord, I am weary, weak and alone  
Lord, I am listening, speak to my soul  
Kneeling before You, Lord, I implore You.  
Kyrie, kyrie eleison Kyrie, kyrie eleison.

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup>After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>28</sup>And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. <sup>29</sup>And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. <sup>30</sup>And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>31</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup>I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: These words, O Lord, are written so that we may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that believing in Him, we will have eternal life.**



**THE HYMN - "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" - LSB 440**



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

**THE SERMON - "Living Lent As People of the Resurrection: Ponder"**

**THE HYMN - "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"**

Graciously my faith renew; help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You, peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above sing Your praise forever

**THE OFFERING PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**THE PRAYERS**

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. On this Ash Wednesday, we give You thanks for wiping away the dust and ashes of our sin by coming to earth to take our place in court and die in our stead on the cross. We ask that our lives this Lent give testimony to that remarkable news.
- C: **Savior of the world, You shed Your blood on the cross to pay the price we could not pay. At the cost of Your innocent life, we have forgiveness and eternal life. Teach us to live as You lived, not counting the cost, but giving ourselves in love and service to others.**

P: O Lord, we give You thanks for all the people in our lives who are such faithful witnesses to us of Your grace and goodness and salvation, and who testify to the truth of Your Word every day. Help us to learn by their bold example and speak with courage and strength about Your suffering and death and resurrection.

**C: Open our eyes to opportunities to share with people that You came to declare us all not guilty of sin, and remove the sentence of death that hung over our heads. Open the hearts and minds of those to whom we speak, that Your Kingdom may be expanded, through the words which Your Spirit gives us to share.**

P: O Lord, as we receive Your body and blood, broken and poured out for all of our sins, we remember the cost of Your unbearable crucifixion. We approach the altar in humility and deep gratitude for the love You showed for us at Calvary.

**C: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend to You all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and in the inspiration of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

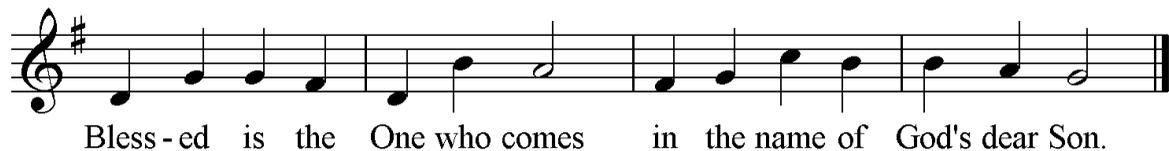
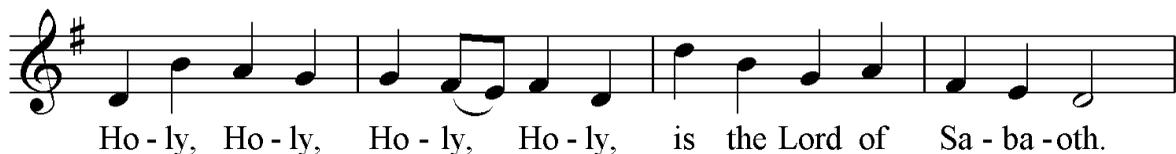
**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### THE SANCTUS



## 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

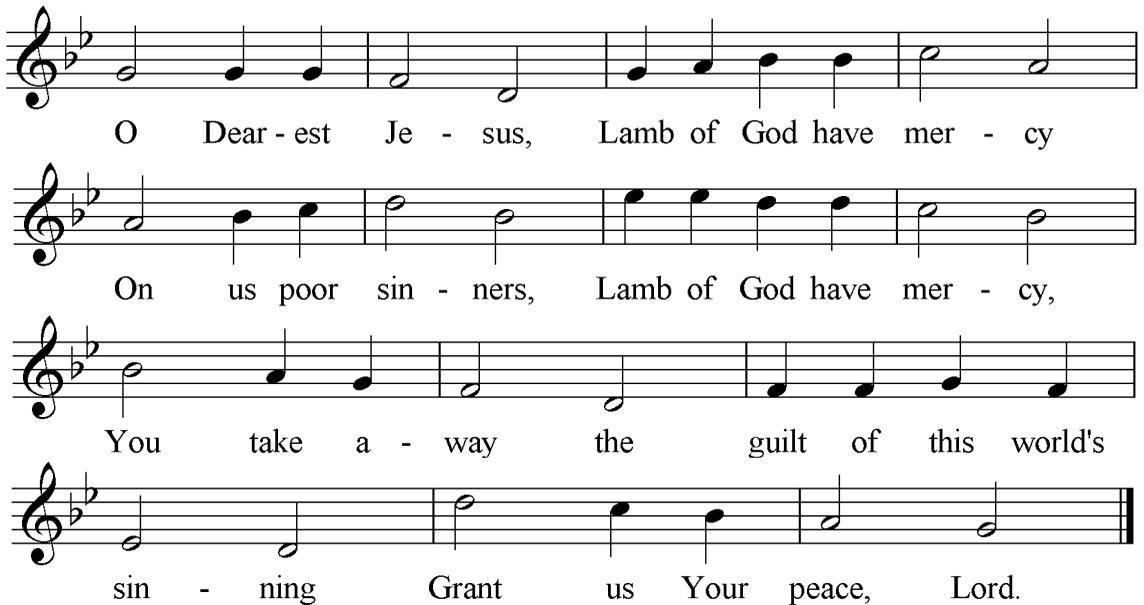
## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

## THE AGNUS DEI



O Dear - est Je - sus, Lamb of God have mer - cy  
On us poor sin - ners, Lamb of God have mer - cy,  
You take a - way the guilt of this world's  
sin - ning Grant us Your peace, Lord.

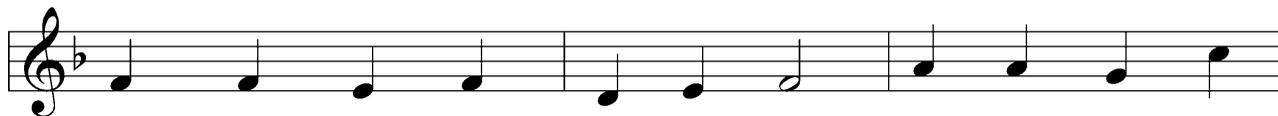
## THE COMMUNION

*If you are a guest today, please read the back page before communing.*

*You are welcome to kneel or stand at the communion rail.*



"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" - LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

For the  
**Forgiveness**  
of Sins



*“How Great Thou Art” - LSB 801*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Chorus:** Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **Chorus**

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. **Chorus.**

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"  
**Chorus**

*“What Wondrous Love is This”*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now let Your hum-bled ser-vant, leave this  
place in peace and joy, for I've seen the true sal-  
va-tion, You've pre-pared for all the world. Glo-ry  
to the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit, Three in  
One, as it was in the be-gin-ning, ev-er-  
more God's praise be sung. A-men.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P:** We have returned to You, Father, repenting in dust and ashes, washed in the cleansing waters of baptism, strengthened through the body and blood of Your Son, given for us for the forgiveness of our sin. For all of this we give You thanks. Through Your Word and Sacraments, increase our trust in You, and strengthen our service to others. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

P: Lord, as we ponder our relationship with You and one another,

**C: Daily come to us, reminding us of our need for a Savior.**

P: Energize us for renewal and restoration and Easter living.

**C: Renew our spirits to live Lent as your resurrection people.**

P: As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. May He go before you to show you the way. May He go behind you to encourage you. May He go beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Amen.**

## THE SILENT PRAYER (Luther's Evening Prayer)

*I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray You to forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

## THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Ashes have been a symbol of contrition for millennia. "I repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6b).

They are also vivid reminders of mortality: "For you are dust and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). The imposition of ashes has been therefore a fitting beginning to the season of Lent. Ashes are usually the remains of the previous Palm Sunday's burned palms, and are applied to the forehead in the sign of the cross. Although powerfully speaking the law (contrition and mortality), ashes also speak the Gospel-applied in the shape of the cross, where sin and death were conquered, and we are cleansed of our sin.)



# SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

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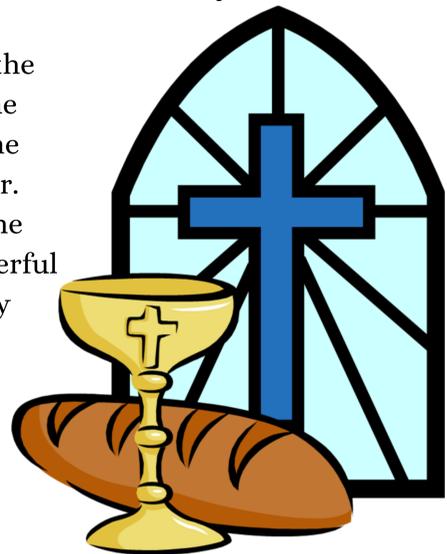
# *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

As You come to the Lord's Supper, you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians, you believe His Body and Blood are present and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of all believers. Our Holy Communion practice is called "CLOSE" communion, not "CLOSED" communion. "Close" communion invites all those who answer the following questions in the affirmative. We DO seek to help each visitor and member, to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not communed with us before, or if you cannot answer yes to the questions below, please speak to our Pastor or an Elder before communing.

1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?
4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His true Body and Blood?
5. Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a Godly life?

At Messiah, Communion is distributed in a manner whereby the individual cup, followed by the common cup, are offered at the same table. Communicants seated in the middle sections of the Sanctuary proceed to the altar first, standing behind the usher. Then the communicants in the side sections will proceed to the altar, also standing behind the usher. This will provide a prayerful setting surrounding the significance of receiving Christ's body and blood.

A light, alcohol-free wine is offered in clear glasses in the individual trays. Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher table in the back.



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 SUNDAY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00 AM  
(CELEBRATION HALL W/COMMUNION ON 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS)

 SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:45-10:45 AM

 WEDNESDAYS: 6:00 PM FAMILY WORSHIP - CELEBRATION HALL  
7:00 PM LENTEN WORSHIP - CHAPEL



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**WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE WILL SHARE GOD'S LIGHT AS WE:**

**Gladly enter God's House weekly (Worship) - Psalm 122:1**

**Listen for God's voice. (Discipleship-Bible Study, Quiet Time, Prayer) - John 10:27**

**Open my heart and hands to serve God. (Ministry) - 1 Samuel 12:24**

**Wholeheartedly love God and my neighbor. (Evangelism/Fellowship-Outreach) - Luke 10:27**

**GLOW AND GO!**