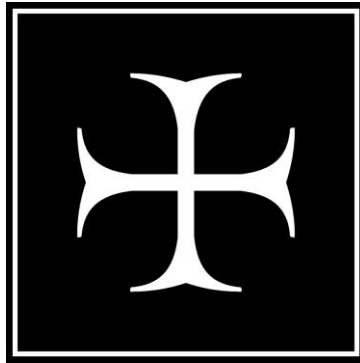


# ASH WEDNESDAY

*Divine Service with the Imposition of Ashes*



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LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

*Stand*

**P** Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

Those who desire the imposition of ashes as a sign of interior repentance may come forward at this time. The pastor imposes the ashes. After receiving the ashes, each person returns to the pews in silence.

When all have returned to the pews, a hymn may be sung.

## Penitential Hymn

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -  
 2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of  
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -  
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -

dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies  
 want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress  
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode

Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy  
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -  
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that  
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to

pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing  
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O  
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten  
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing

from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

When all have received the ashes, the service continues with the Preparation.

## THE PREPARATION

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of all our sins.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Introit**

*Psalm 57:1–3a, c; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

You have mercy on all, O Lord,  
and abhor nothing you have made.  
You look past the sins of men that they may repent.  
You spare them all because you are our Lord, our God.  
Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.  
I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.  
He will send from heaven and save me.  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

You have mercy on all, O Lord,  
and abhor nothing you have made.  
You look past the sins of men that they may repent.  
You spare them all because you are our Lord, our God.

**Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*

**☐ Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:2–11*

**A** The Epistle is from 2 Peter, chapter 1.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and

are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Tract**

*Psalm 103:10; 79:8a, 9a*

He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
Do not remember against us our former iniquities;  
let your compassion come speedily to meet us.  
Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:16–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Sit*



1 Day of wrath, O day of mourn - ing! See ful - filled the  
 2 Oh, what fear man's bos - om rend - eth When from heav'n the  
 3 Won-drous sound the trum-pet fling - eth, Thro' earth's sep - ul-

Proph-et's warn - ing, Heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.  
 Judge de - scend - eth On whose sen-tence all de - pend - eth!  
 chers it ring - eth, All be - fore the throne it bring - eth. A-men.

- 4 Death is struck and nature quaking;  
 All creation is awaking,  
 To its Judge an answer making.
- 5 Lo, the book, exactly worded,  
 Wherein all hath been recorded;  
 Thence shall judgment be awarded.
- 6 When the Judge His seat attaineth  
 And each hidden deed arraigneth,  
 Nothing unavenged remaineth.
- 7 What shall I, frail man, be pleading?  
 Who for me be interceding  
 When the just are mercy needing?
- 8 King of majesty tremendous,  
 Who dost free salvation send us,  
 Fount of pity, then befriend us!
- 9 Think, good Jesus, my salvation  
 Caused Thy wondrous incarnation;  
 Leave me not to reprobation!
- 10 Faint and weary Thou hast sought me,  
 On the cross of suffering bought me;  
 Shall such grace be vainly brought me?
- 11 Righteous Judge, for sin's pollution  
 Grant Thy gift of absolution  
 Ere that day of retribution!
- 12 Guilty, now I pour my moaning,  
 All my shame with anguish owning:  
 Spare, O God, Thy suppliant groaning!
- 13 From that sinful woman shriven,  
 From the dying thief forgiven,  
 Thou to me a hope hast given.
- 14 Worthless are my prayers and sighing;  
 Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,  
 Rescue me from fires undying.
- 15 With Thy favored sheep, oh, place me!  
 Nor among the goats abase me,  
 But to Thy right hand upraise me.

## Sermon

## Votum

*Philippians 4:7*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## Stand

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10–12*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy 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 meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### The Words of Our Lord

### Lord's Prayer

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

### Administration

*Stand*

### Thanksgiving

*Psalms 107:1*

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Dismissal

**P** The Service is ended, go in peace.

**C** Amen.

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