



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

Ash Wednesday
February 25, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Church
University City, Missouri

THE GATHERING

We gather in silence and draw near to God's Spirit. As you enter into the worship space, you are invited to quiet your heart and mind before God.

OPENING SENTENCES

OPENING SONG

Je - sus re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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SCRIPTURE – II Corinthians 4:7-10

MEDITATION – Through Many Dangers, Toils, and Snares

OFFERING OUR FEARS AND WORRIES TO GOD

PSALM OF PENANCE – Psalm 51

Refrain: The sacrifice You accept, O God, is a humble spirit.

- 1. Have mercy on me, O God, in Your kindness;
in Your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.*
- 2. My offenses, truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against You, You alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in Your sight I have done. (Refrain)*
- 3. That You may be justified when You give sentence
and be without reproach when You judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I conceived.*
- 4. Indeed, You love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow. (Refrain)*
- 5. Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones You have crushed may thrill.*

*From my sins turn away Your face
and blot out all my guilt.*

6. *A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence,
nor deprive me of Your holy spirit. (Refrain)*

7. *Give me again the joy of Your help;
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors Your ways
and sinners may return to You.*

8. *O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out Your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare Your praise. (Refrain)*

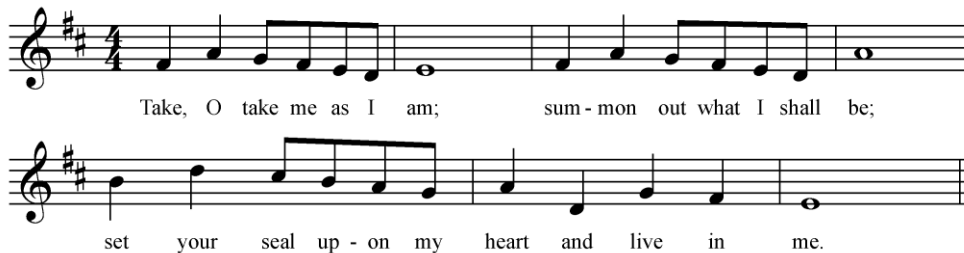
9. *For in sacrifice You take no delight,
burnt offering from me You would refuse;
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
A humbled, contrite heart You will not spurn.*

10. *In Your goodness, show favor to Zion:
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then You will be pleased with lawful sacrifice (burnt offerings wholly consumed),
then You will be offered young bulls on Your altar. (Refrain)*

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who would like are invited forward for the impositions of ashes. While worshipers come forward, the people shall sing.

SONG OF OFFERING



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

SONG OF DEDICATION – Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

THE BLESSING

SONG OF PARTING – Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you depart, bless one another with the sign of Christ's peace.

READINGS FOR MEDITATION

When our service is over, everyone is invited to continue this time of prayer and meditation in the Chapel. Everyone is requested to keep silence.

II Corinthians 5:17-21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.