



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

Ash Wednesday
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7:00 p.m.

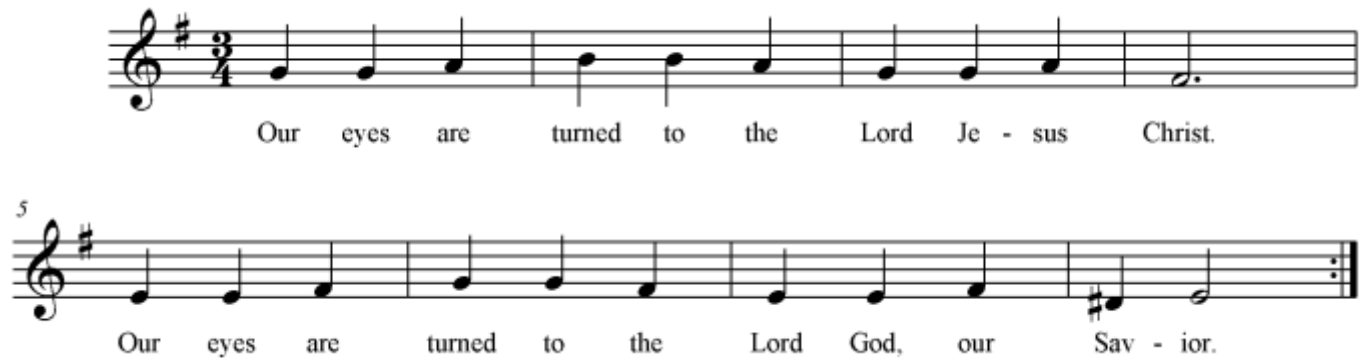
Trinity Presbyterian Church
University City, Missouri

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



Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.

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Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

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PSALM OF PENANCE – Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences;

People: Wash me clean from my guilt, purify me from my sin.

Leader: For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind.

People: Against you, you alone, I have sinned, I have done what you see to be wrong,

Leader: that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgment.

People: Remember, I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception.

Leader: But you delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret you teach me wisdom.

People: Purify me with hyssop till I am clean, wash me till I am whiter than snow.

Leader: Let me hear the sound of joy and gladness, and the bones you have crushed will dance.

People: Turn away your face from my sins, and wipe away all my guilt.

Leader: God, create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit.

People: Do not thrust me away from your presence, do not take away from me your spirit of holiness.

Leader: Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit.

People: I shall teach the wicked your paths, and sinners will return to you.

Leader: Deliver me from bloodshed, God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will acclaim your saving justice.

People: Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise.

Leader: Sacrifice gives you no pleasure, burnt offering you do not desire.

People: Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart you never scorn.

MEDITATION – The Gospel We Share or What's So Good about Our Good News?: We Can Be Real

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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

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

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The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom." The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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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 DURING DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

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.

The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are: "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." The music is a simple melody with a steady rhythm.

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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.