



March 5, 2014
12:10 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

WORSHIP LEADERS

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The season of Lent calls Christians to embrace the faith journey by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. Although often considered a time for giving up something as a way of symbolizing Jesus' sacrifice and his struggle in the wilderness, the forty days of Lent also offer an opportunity for taking up. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ's journey to the cross.

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PRELUDE

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God *Johann Gottfried Walther*
Man's Days Are Like the Grass *Daniel Pinkham*
All People Are Mortal *Johann Sebastian Bach*

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 77

"Forty Days and Forty Nights" Tune: AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

PSALTER

Psalm 49 (*read responsively by verse*) (page 491, O.T.)

FIRST LESSONS

Genesis 3:19 (page 3, O.T.)
Mark 1:14–18 (page 33, N.T.)

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2 (page 170, N.T.)

A MEDITATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

EDWIN ESTEVEZ

*Stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved and have not forgiven:
you,
ourselves,
our neighbors,
our enemies.

(hold silence)

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Draw Near to Me”

J. S. Bach

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(traditional)*

(page 16, The Hymnal)

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION SOLO

“Brother James’ Air”

Phyllis Tate

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**You have fed us with the Bread of Life
and the Fruit of the Vine.**

**God of our ancestors,
God of our lives,
we are thine.**

**May we become like bread
to feed your hungry world,
like the Fruit of the Vine
to quench a thirsty world.
Amen.**

***HYMN 85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

BENEDICTION

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Those who wish are invited to come to either the front
or back of the Sanctuary to receive ashes either on
the back of the hand or on the forehead.*

*Ashes serve as a sign of human mortality and penitence and
as a reminder that only by God’s grace in Jesus Christ are we
given eternal life.*

Ashes are imposed with the words of Genesis 3:19:

“Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

—Depart in silence—