



ASH WEDNESDAY

Welcome & Greeting

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: God's mercy endures forever.

Opening Prayer:

O God, maker of everything and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up.

By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn— "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Old Testament Reading—Joel 2:1-2 & 12-17

Music Ministry—

New Testament Reading—2 Corinthians 5:2b-6:10

Gospel Reading—Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-21

Message—"Find Your Way Home Again" by Rev. Dr. Dave York

Invitation to Lenten Discipline

Praise Team—"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Continued



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Prayer of Confession—Psalm 51:1-17 Responsive Reading

Leader: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

People: Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

Leader: Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

People: Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me.

Leader: I've sinned against you—you alone. I've committed evil in your sight. That's why you are justified when you render your verdict, completely correct when you issue your judgment.

People: Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me.

Leader: And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.

People: Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

Leader: Let me hear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.

People: Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!

Leader: Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new faithful spirit deep inside me!

People: Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

Leader: Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.

People: Then I will teach wrongdoers your ways, and sinners will come back to you.

Leader: Deliver me from violence, God, God of my salvation, so that my tongue can sing of your righteousness.

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

Leader: You don't want sacrifices. If I gave an entirely burned offering, you wouldn't be pleased.

People: A broken spirit is my sacrifice, God. You won't despise a heart, God, that is broken and crushed.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn—"I Surrender All"

Benediction