

ORDER OF WORSHIP – ASH WEDNESDAY

Scripture Sentence

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
(Psalm 51: 1-2)

OPENING RESPONSE

(from Thom Shuman)

Leader: I return unto You, O God.

All: For You are gracious and merciful.

Leader: Slow to anger and abounding in love;

All: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth, or my transgressions;

All: But remember me, according to Your steadfast love.

Leader: Lead me in Your truth, O LORD;

All: For You are the God of my salvation.

Leader: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

**All: Relieve the troubles of my heart, forgive all my sins,
and I will sing praise to Your name!**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.
Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,
 and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt-offerings and whole burnt-offerings;
 then bulls will be offered on your altar.

SILENCE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We will partake of the Sacrament by intinction; you are invited to take bread from the bowl, dip it in the chalice and partake of the elements.

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

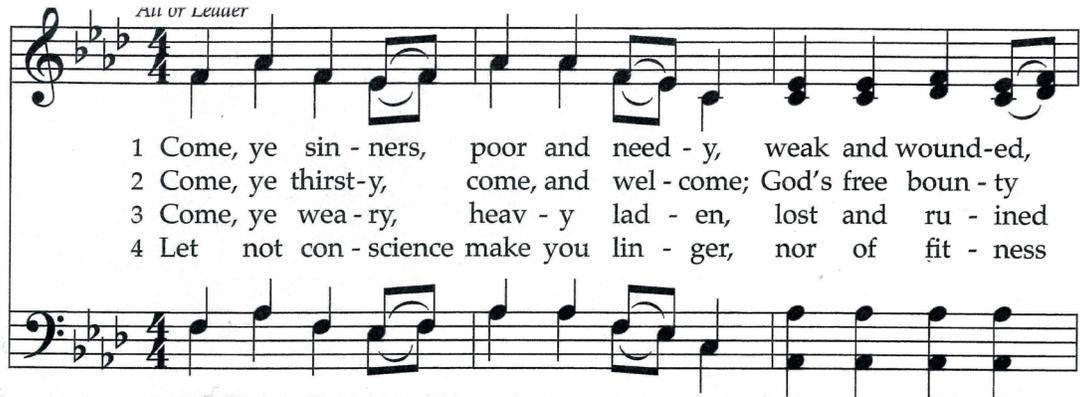
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

.....Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

HYMN #415 Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

All of Letter

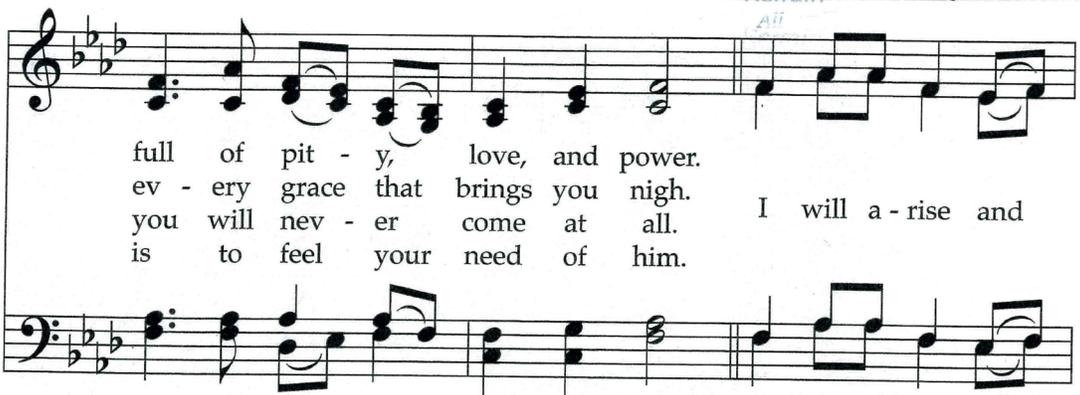


1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,
2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

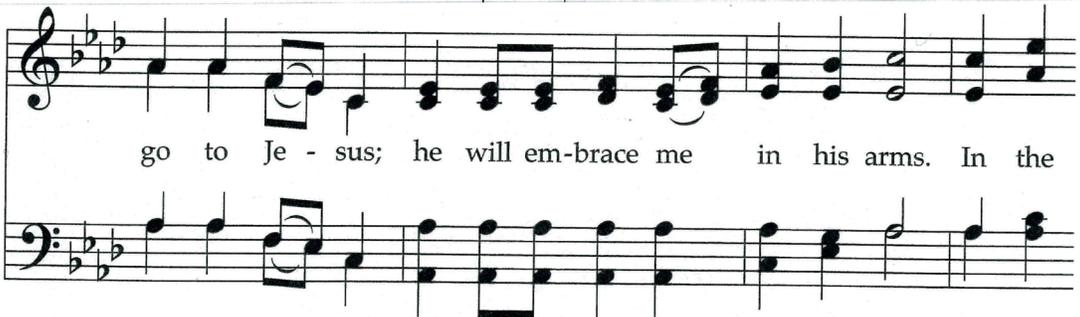


sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

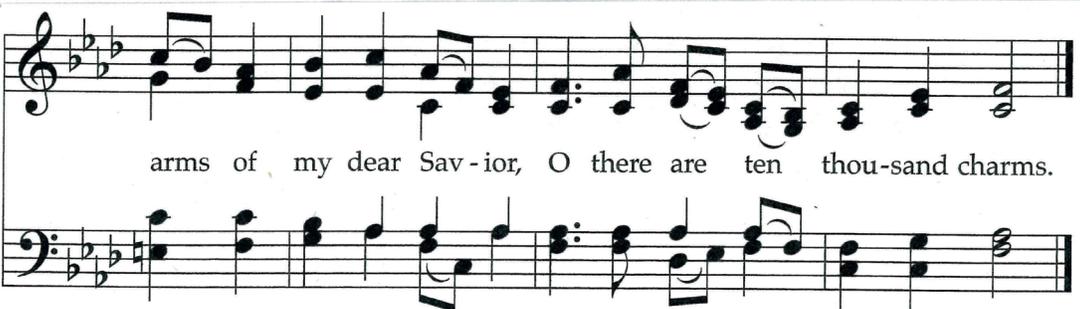
All



full of pit - y, love, and power.
ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
you will nev - er come at all.
is to feel your need of him.



go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the



arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
 4 A - bid e with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid e.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY (*unison*)

Gracious God, out of Your love and mercy You breathed into the dust of the earth the breath of life. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, the very dust from which we come. Remembering our baptism, and the watermark of the cross upon us, we also receive this ashen cross as another sign that in life and in death we belong to You. Sustain us by Your love and mercy, that we may observe a holy Lent, and be brought with all Your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.
 In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, our hope, Amen.

BLESSING

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: *The Peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**