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Ash Wednesday Worship

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Welcome

Call to Worship

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

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Come, friends, and join us for a full season of repentance,
prayer, fasting, discernment and self-knowledge

People: **From dust we came, and to dust we shall return.**

Prelude

The Cross of Christ

arr. Joyce Jones

Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

F C F Gm/B \flat D/F \sharp Gm F/C C F

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

F B \flat /F F C/B \flat F/A C⁷/G F C

on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
 save in the death of Christ, my God;
 sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
 that were an of - fering far too small;

F C F G/B \flat D/F \sharp Gm F/C C F

my rich - est gain I count but loss,
 all the vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

F C Dm Gm /B \flat Am/C C F

and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Opening Prayer

Bless the Lord, my soul, and praise God's holy name! I will not forget any of God's benefits. Oh God, You forgive our iniquities, You heal all our diseases, You redeem our lives from the pit. Lord, may You crown us all with Your glory, steadfast love and mercy. Renew our lives throughout these 40 days and grant us goodness as long as we live. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

1. Must Je - sus bear the cross a - lone, and
 2. How hap - py are the saints a - bove, who
 3. The con - se - crat - ed cross I'll bear till

all the world go free? No, there's a cross for
 once went sor - rowing here! But now they taste un -
 death shall set me free; and then go home my

ev - ery - one, and there's a cross for me.
 min - gled love, and joy with - out a tear.
 crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.

Senior Choir

Lonesome Valley

Gilbert M. Martin

Psalter

Psalm 51:1-17

RESPONSE 1 (*Ash Wednesday*)

Ps. 51:11
Carlton R. Young

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence,

and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

The Time is Now!

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Were You There?

Arr. Dale Wood

Offertory Hymn*Lift High the Cross***(verse 1)*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Fine

Harmony

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol - low this tri-um-phant sign. The
2. Each new-born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo-rious tree, as
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

hosts of God in u - ni-ty com - bine.
 on the brow the seal of him who died.
 thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

D.C.

Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

1. - 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the pot - ter; I am the clay.
Search me and try me, Sav - ior to - day!
Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me I pray!
Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.

Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!
Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see

while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

Benediction

Postlude

O Man, Bemoan Thy Grievous Sin

J.S. Bach

The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship, and the Imposition of Ashes can be a powerful, nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. The practice is the historic focus of Ash Wednesday observance and gave the day its name.

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