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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



# **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



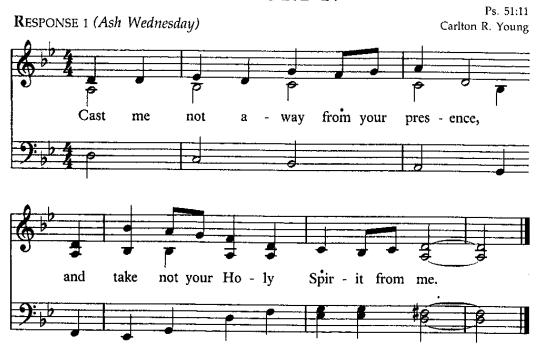
**Senior Choir** 

Lonesome Valley

Gilbert M. Martin

#### **Psalter**

Psalm 51:1-17



**Scripture Lesson** 

Isaiah 58:1-12 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 (O.T. Page 647) (N.T. Page 170)

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



# Hymn

# Have Thine Own Way, Lord



#### 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.