



Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025 † Noon & 7:00 p.m.

† The Entrance Liturgy

In keeping with the solemnity of this day, the people assemble in silence. Please stand at the sound of the bell.

PSALM 51 The congregation sings the even-numbered verses in harmony.

1 Have mercy, tender God, forget that I de-fied you.
2 I know my evil well, it stares me in the face,
3 How right your condem-nation! Your verdict clear-ly just.
4 You love those centered in truth; teach me your hid-den wisdom.
5 Fill me with happy songs, let the bones you bruised now dance.
6 Creator, reshape my heart, God, steady my spirit.
7 Save me, bring back my joy, support me, strengthen my will.
8 Help me, stop my tears, and I will sing your goodness.
9 When I offer a burnt offering, the gift does not please you.

Wash away my sin, cleanse me from my guilt.
evil done to you a-lone before your ve-ry eyes.
You see me for what I am, a sinner before my birth.
Wash me with fresh water, wash me bright as snow.
Shut your eyes to my sin, make my guilt dis-ap-pear.
Do not cast me a-side stripped of your ho-ly spirit.
Then I will teach your way and sinners will turn to you.
LORD, give me words and I will shout your praise.
So I offer my shattered spirit; a changed heart you welcome.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

(seated)

Response: **C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 103:8-14

The refrain is intoned by the soloist/choir, then repeated by all. It is sung at the beginning and after verses 10 and 14.

The verses are sung by the soloist/choir.



The LORD is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Response: **C** **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung by all, in harmony.*

(standing)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to you, O Word of God." on the first line, and "Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ." on the second line. The music concludes with a final chord on a whole note.

*Verse: Return to the LORD, your God, who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. — Joel 2:13*

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Response after the announcement: ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: ☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Gospel acclamation is sung again.

Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.

SERMON

Remember, and Live

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In the Midst of Earthly Life"

(standing)

ACS HYMN 1026

INVITATION TO LENT

☩ Friends in Christ ... to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

(kneeling)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(seated or kneeling, as desired) page 254

You are invited to meditate on Psalm 30 or Psalm 90. Those who wish to receive ashes may come forward or indicate to an usher if you wish to receive in the pew.

“O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß,” BWV 622
(O mortal, lament your great sin.)

J. S. Bach

Dialog

(kneeling)

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name + of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen**

Silence for reflection.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: **C** **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

(standing)

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

(7:00) “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake”

attr. Richard Farrant and John Hilton

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with an upright heart
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

— *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations* (John Bull, 1568)

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

HYMN 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response:  **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda

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Sanctus

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Eucharistic Prayer

 Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

 **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

 Remembering, therefore . . . water, food, and life.

 **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

 Pour out your Holy Spirit . . . by the love of Christ.

 **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

 All-Gracious One . . . are yours, now and forever.

 **Amen**

Lord’s Prayer

sung by all

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AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup.
The bread is gluten-free.

If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.

“Lamb of God”

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(7:00) “Out of the Depths I Cry to You,” op. 5, no. 7

Hugo Distler

Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me calling.
Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling.
Do not regard my sinful deeds.
Send me the grace my spirit needs; without it I am nothing.

In you alone, O God, we hope, and not in our own merit.
We rest our fears in your good Word and trust your Holy Spirit.
Your promise keeps us strong and sure;
we trust the cross, your signature, inscribed upon our temples. - Martin Luther, tr. Composite

“All Things of Dust to Dust Return”

ACS HYMN 920

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **☩ Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING Response: **☩ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

- A** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

☩ Thanks be to God. *There is no postlude; the assembly departs in silence.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher Pastor Joseph Crippen
Organist Cantor Daniel Schwandt
(7:00) Choir Cantorei
(7:00) Livestream Eric Manuel

	<u>Noon</u>	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>
Sacristan	Adam Krueger	Brad Nelson
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Lector	Jim Bargmann	Art Halbardier
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