

ASH WEDNESDAY
2025

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THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5, 2025

SEVEN O'CLOCK

CARILLON PRELUDE

Pie Jesu, Requiem..... Maurice Duruffé
(1902-1986)

Sally Westmoreland, *carillonneur*

† *Please stand at the sound of the bells*

*AT THE PROCESSION

HYMN 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days..... Tune: Land of Rest

1. Lord, who through-out these for-ty days for
 2. As thou with Sa-tan didst con-tend, and
 3. As thou didst hun-ger bear, and thirst, so
 4. And through these days of pen-i-tence, and
 5. A-bide with us, that so, this life of

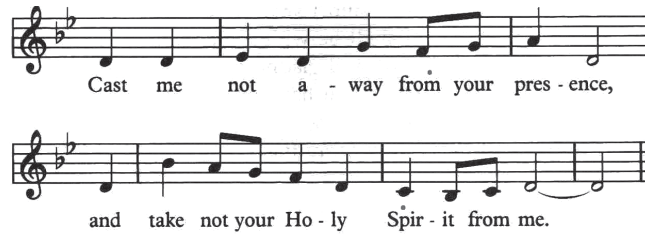
us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to
 didst the vic-tory win, O give us strength in
 teach us, gra-cious Lord, to die to self, and
 through thy pas-sion-tide, yea, ev-er-more in
 suf-fering o-ver past, an Eas-ter of un-

mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
 thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
 chief-ly live by thy most ho-ly word.
 life and death, Je-sus, with us a-bide.
 end-ing joy we may at-tain at last.

*THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: Minister and People

O God of endless mercy, we gather on this day to acknowledge our mortality,
and our complete reliance on you for compassion and forgiveness.
If there is any hope for us, O God, our hope rests completely in you.
Have mercy, O God, have mercy. You are the source of our mortal life.
You are the source of our spiritual life.
You are the destiny to whom we return in the hope of Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord and Savior.
May the mark of mortality remind us of our dust-to-dust existence,
and draw us nearer to you. Amen.

(The Hymnal, page 785, Response 1)



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 judgment.
**Behold, I was born into iniquity,
and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.** *Response*

Behold, 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.**
Make 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.** *Response*

Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
**Cast me not away from your presence,
and 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 death, 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 show forth your praise.**
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
were I 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.** *Response*

THE LESSON: ROMANS 1:1-7

† following the reading:

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MEDITATION

Called To Be Saints

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness.....Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810-1876)

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and forgive me all my sin. For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

The Chancel Choir
Mary Allison Hamby, *soprano*

*AT THE PRESENTATION, HYMN 95:

Doxology.....Old Hundredth

INVITATION TO OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Come and Find the Quiet Center.....Tune: Beach Spring

1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
 2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
 3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's

lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the
 pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
 pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -

frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the
 be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing space with - in our
 brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep - est

clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the
 think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
 dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the

things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

Minister: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: the early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lords' passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.
†Stanza One (sung)

Minister: During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith.
†Stanza Two (sung)

Minister: I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.
†Stanza Three (sung)

Minister: To make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now bow before our Creator and Redeemer.
(All pray in silence)

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Loving God, you create us from the dust of the earth; may these ashes be for us a sign of our penitence and our mortality, and a reminder that only by the cross do we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

AT THE IMPOSITION:

Adoramus Te, Christe..... Orlande de Lassus
(1532-1594)

Jesu, Savior, we adore thee, and bless thy Holy Name always, for thou who death's dark torment suffered, by thy cross redeemed us. Lord, we pray, have mercy upon us.

Antiphon at Feasts of the Holy Cross

The Chamber Singers

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Holy God, your Son came into the world to save sinners; we come to this season of repentance, confessing our unworthiness, asking for new and honest hearts, and seeking the healing power of your forgiveness. Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are repentant: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, so that we, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our separation from you, may obtain from you perfect remission and forgiveness; we ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF PARDON

May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept your repentance, forgive your sins, and restore you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*THE SOLEMN PROCESSION

**Those who are able, please stand.*

PREACHING

Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*

LITURGISTS

Rev. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Emily Miles, *Associate Minister and Director of Mental Wellness*
Rev. Geoff Beakley, *Associate Minister*

MUSIC

David R. White, *Guest Conductor*
Jonathan Easter, *Guest Organist*
The Chamber Singers
The Chancel Choir

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services

Lenten Sermon Series: *The Way of Salvation*

Sundays in Lent, 8:45, 10:00, and 11:15 am

Make weekly worship one of your Lenten disciplines and experience the gift of God's peace in the midst of life's struggles.

March 9 *Not Ashamed of the Gospel* - Romans 1:8-17

March 16 *The Line Between Good and Evil* - Romans 3:21-27

March 23 *Christ Has Set You Free!* - Romans 6:1-14

March 30 *If God is for Us* - Romans 8:31-39

April 6 *The Content of our Character* - Romans 12:1-8

Palm Sunday,

April 13 *Who Am I to Judge Another* - Romans 14:1-12

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 14 – April 17

Holy Week is a special time in the church year when we retell the stories of Jesus' final days. Though marked by sacrifice and sorrow, we ultimately hear the message of God's great gifts of love and hope. We remember that through grace there is new life! Please join us at our Holy Week services to bear witness to and reaffirm these events of our faith. "Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

Holy Week Midday Services

12:00 pm Worship, Moore Chapel

April 14 Rev. Darren Hensley

April 15 Rev. Daniel Ogle

April 16 Rev. Josh Miles

April 17 Rev. Elizabeth Byrd

Each day of Holy Week we offer a midday service led by our clergy and music staff. Lunch will follow in Grace Hall.

Holy Thursday Choral Eucharist

April 17, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

We commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ when the sacrament of Holy Communion was established.

The Chancel Choir, The Chamber Singers, Chamber Orchestra

Preaching: Rev. Geoff Beakley, *Associate Minister*

Good Friday Community Service

April 18, 12:00 pm

Hosted by the Peachtree Presbyterian Church

3434 Roswell Road NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30305

EASTER DAY

April 20

6:30am, Sunrise Service

8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary

The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Festival Worship

The Chancel Choir, The Atlanta Brassworks, The Peachtree Carillon



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