



all are from the dust;  
all return to the dust.

Ecclesiastes 3:20 CEB

# ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 14, 2018

6:00 p.m.

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

## PSALM READING

*Psalm 51*

## PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

## MESSAGE

*Going On a Treasure Hunt*

## INVITATION TO THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust.

**May these ashes be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life.**

Through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return.”*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Place your folded confession sheets in the bucket. You may pray at the altar or in the pews. You may leave after you pray but do not rush your time of prayer.*

## GO IN PEACE WITH THIS BENEDICTION FOR LENT

May the Holy Spirit embolden you  
to experience new levels of God's grace  
and spiritual renewal in Christ  
during this holy season of Lent.

## Psalm 51

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, God,  
according to your faithful love!  
Wipe away my wrongdoings  
according to your great compassion!

<sup>2</sup> **Wash me completely clean of my guilt;  
purify me from my sin!**

<sup>3</sup> Because I know my wrongdoings,  
my sin is always right in front of me.

<sup>7</sup> **Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean;  
wash me and I will be whiter than snow.**

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and celebration again;  
let the bones you crushed  
rejoice once more.

<sup>9</sup> **Hide your face from my sins;  
wipe away all my guilty deeds!**

<sup>10</sup> **Create a clean heart for me, God;  
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!**