

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR ASH WEDNESDAY
February 13, 1991

Prelude

Greeting: (Responsively)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

Opening Prayer for Ash Wednesday: (In Unison)

O God, maker of every thing and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn: #269 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12

Epistle Lesson: II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Anthem: "Hospodi Pomilui"

Alexis von Lvov

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

*Imposition of Ashes

(During the imposition of ashes, the congregation is invited to sing "Seek the Lord, Whose Willing Presence" which is printed on the reverse page.)

Prayer of Confession: (In Unison)

Almighty God, who sees that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all temptations to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (In Unison)

All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust

from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: #417 "O For a Heart to Praise My God"

*Dismissal

Postlude

Lector: Roger Vest
Liturgists: David Woody
Arnetta Beverly
Marguerite Kohn
Choir Director: Rodney Wynkoop
Organist: David Arcus

SEEK THE LORD, WHOSE WILLING PRESENCE

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REFRAIN: *Seek the Lord, whose willing presence
moves your heart to make appeal.
Turn from wickedness and evil,
God will pardon, cleanse, and heal.*

1 "For my thoughts are not like your thoughts,"
says the Lord, "nor your ways mine.
Farther still than earth from heaven
are things human from divine."
REFRAIN

2 "As the life-charged dew of heaven
births the seed and stirs the mill,
so my word goes forth with power
to perfect my gracious will."
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—Carl P Daw, Jr.