

# ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

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# GOD ON TRIAL

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## Accusations

✘ Gathering ✘

OPENING HYMN

393 – Savior, When in Dust to You



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom - age due,  
2 By your help - less in - fant years, by your life of want and tears,  
3 By your hour of dire de - spair, by your ag - o - ny of prayer,  
4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul - chral stone,



when, re - pent - ant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes,  
by your days of deep dis - tress in the sav - age wil - der - ness,  
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,  
by the vault whose dark a - bode held in vain the ris - ing God,



O, by all your pains and woe suf - fered once for us be - low,  
by the dread, mys - te - rious hour of th' in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,  
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,  
O, from earth to heav'n re - stored, might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,



bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
turn, O turn a fa - v'ring eye, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
lis - ten to our hum - ble sigh, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

# ✠ Ash Wednesday Confessional Rite ✠

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in fellowship with him, to love all people, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

During the forty days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

Let us confess our sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit ourselves to this struggle.

## CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father,

**We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault,  
by our own grievous fault  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

# PSALM

# Psalm 51 – God, Be Merciful to Me

Note the verse assignments: vs. 1 ALL, vs. 2 Those sitting on the BAPTISMAL FONT side of the sanctuary, vs. 3 Those sitting on the PULPIT side of the sanctuary, vs. 4,5 ALL, vs. 6 WOMEN, vs. 7 MEN, and vs. 8 ALL



**All** 1 God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on your grace I  
**Font** 2 My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my  
**Pulpit** 3 I am e - vil, born in sin; you de - sire all  
**All** 4 Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by your wrath and



rest my plea; your com - pas - sions o - ver - flow,  
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst your grace  
truth with - in. You a - lone my Sav - ior are,  
judg - ment just, let my con - trite heart re - joice



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me  
and pro - voked you to your face; I con - fess your  
teach your wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, your  
and in glad - ness hear your voice; from my sins, O



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
judg - ment just, speech - less, in your mer - cy trust.  
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.  
hide your face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

## All

5 Gracious God, my heart renew,  
make my spirit right and true;  
let me not abandoned be,  
let your Spirit dwell in me;  
your salvation's joy impart,  
steadfast make my willing heart.

## Women

6 Sinners then shall learn from me  
and to God restored shall be;  
Savior, all my guilt remove,  
and my tongue shall sing your love;  
touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall praise accord.

*Verses 7,8 on the facing page*

## Men

7 No attempted sacrifice  
has acceptance in your eyes;  
broken hearts are in your sight  
more than sacrificial rite;  
contrite spirit, pleading cries,  
you, O God, will not despise.

## All

8 Prosper Zion in your grace  
and her broken walls replace;  
then our righteous sacrifice  
shall delight your holy eyes;  
freewill offerings, gladly made,  
on your altar shall be laid.

## SENTENCES

For what we think or say or do that is at variance with your will,  
**Forgive us, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.  
**Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us, Lord, the work of your salvation  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and suffering of your Son,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. He sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Be seated*



## ✘ The Word ✘

### FIRST READING

Joel 2:12-19

*Through the prophet Joel, the LORD tells us that our top priority is to return to him in true repentance. We will find that the LORD is gracious and compassionate.*

JOEL 2:12 “Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” <sup>13</sup>Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. <sup>14</sup>Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing – grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God.

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. <sup>16</sup>Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. <sup>17</sup>Let the priests, who minister before the LORD, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, “Spare your people, LORD. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD was jealous for his land and took pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD replied to them: “I am sending you grain, new wine and olive oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

From the Depths Have I Called unto Thee

*From the depths have I called unto Thee, O Lord; Hear my voice, O Lord, in supplication.  
Let Thy ears attend my supplication, in mercy, Lord, in mercy hear me, hear me.  
If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark those things done amiss, O my Lord, who could survive it?  
But with Thee there is abundant mercy, O Lord,  
And therefore, for Thy mercy shouldst Thou be feared, O Lord, my God.  
I look for the Lord, for in Him is my hope and trusting.  
My soul doth wait for the Lord God, the God of truth.  
From the watch in the early morning till in the evening hopeth Israel in God the Lord.  
For with the Almighty there is mercy manifold. In truth we know that His redemption is plenteous.  
He will redeem even Israel from all of his iniquity, his iniquity.  
Glory be now to the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, and is now,  
And ever, and forevermore, world without end. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.*

## SECOND READING

Revelation 3:1-3

*Jesus tells a spiritually dead church: wake up, repent, and remember what they had heard about God's grace.*

REVELATION 3:1 "To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

658 (vs. 2) – With All My Heart I Praise You, Lord

2 When I con - fess my sin and shame, peace and for -  
give - ness seek - ing, you grant me par - don in your name  
be - fore I've fin - ished speak - ing! In love you lis -  
ten care - ful - ly to all our sighs of mis - er - y,  
our ev - 'ry need ad - dress - ing. Our guilt should make  
you turn a - way; in - stead you turn toward us and say:  
"Re - ceive my gra - cious bless - ing."

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

*Jesus tells a parable about a man who forgot that we are all turning back into dust – a man with badly misguided priorities.*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”

<sup>18</sup>“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

<sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’”

<sup>21</sup>“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

654 – Jesus Sinners Does Receive (1-4, 7)



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;





and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for  
 here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble  
 are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that  
 grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive,  
 even I have been forgiven.  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

## ✠ Sermon ✠

Job 40:1,2; 42:1-6

# God on Trial... Accusations

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MUSICAL OFFERING

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of  
 God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

*Offerings can be given in any of these ways:*

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



*Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card,  
 or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection  
 Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website,  
<https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*You may remain seated for the Prayer of the Church*

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God. **Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

Create in us pure hearts and work true repentance in us as we hear your Word and take it to heart. Create in us clean hearts, O God. **Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

Give us humble hearts filled with holy love, that we may teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Create in us clean hearts, O God. **Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

To you all hearts are open, and to you no secrets are hidden. Since Christ has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, uplift us with the gospel of his suffering for us. Heal our hearts from the wounds of sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God. **Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

Restore the joy of your salvation to those who are broken in spirit. Let them hear the joy and gladness of your gospel and fill them with the peace of your forgiveness. Create in us clean hearts, O God. **Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and merciful God, heavenly Father, we have gone astray and have often offended you. Against you alone have we sinned and done what is evil. God of our salvation, do not think about our sins, but help us, save us, and forgive us our sins for the glory of your holy name and of your beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ✠ The Sacrament ✠

*Stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin, so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

483 (3,4) – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty



3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my t body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my t blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*) 947 (vs. 1,3) – Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,  
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,



ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.  
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.



All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:



have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
your peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

420 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,  
4 Grant that I your pas-sion view with re - pent - ant griev - ing;



with your Spir - it me en - dow for such med - i - ta - tion.  
bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.  
let me not bring shame to you by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,  
Ah! I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



of your suf-f'ring, pain, and death that I may not per - ish.  
how for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
this in - deed the cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
since for me God's on - ly Son suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm  
and my conscience grieve me,  
let your cross my fear disarm,  
peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
by your holy passion.  
If for me he slays his Son,  
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
help me bear my crosses,  
learning humbleness from you,  
peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give you love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
that I may in heav'n above  
sing your praise forever.

Stand

## BLESSING



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

793 – Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me



1 Je - sus, ten - der Shep - herd, hear me, bless thy  
2 All this day thy hand has led me, and I  
3 Let my sins be all for - giv - en, bless the



lit - tle lamb to - night; through the dark - ness  
thank thee for thy care; thou hast clothed me,  
friends I love so well; take me, when I



be thou near me, watch my sleep till morn - ing light.  
warmed and fed me, lis - ten to my eve - ning prayer.  
die, to heav - en, hap - py there with thee to dwell.

*Refrain*



When I'm trou-bled and a - fraid I will trust in thee and pray.



Je - sus, ten - der Shep - herd, hear me, bless thy lit - tle



lamb to - night, bless thy lit - tle lamb to - night.



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Hymn 393 – Savior, When in Dust to You

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Music: Joseph Parry, 1841-1903

Scripture references: Ps 130:1,2; Lk 18:9-14; Job 42:6; Heb 4:14-16

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Psalm 51D

Text: Psalter, 1912, *alt.*, public domain

Tune: Richard Redhead; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; public domain

Hymn 658 – With All My Heart I Praise You, Lord

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Michael D. Schultz, b. 1963

Tune: Wolfgang Dachstein, c. 1487-1553

Scripture references: Ps 86:12; 1 Jn 4:10; 1 Jn 1:9; Mt 26:26-28

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Hymn 654 – Jesus Sinners Does Receive

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Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstadtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699;

Setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, *alt.*

Scripture references: Mt 9:9-13; Lk 7:34-50; 15:1-7; Lk 5:31,32; 1 Ti 1:15,16

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Hymn 483 – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, *alt.*

Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876; setting: The Worshipbook: Services and Hymns, 1972

Scripture references: Isa 6:2,3; Rev 4:2-11; Ex 15:11; Isa 45:22

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Hymn 947 – Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Text: Nicolaus Declus, c. 1485-after 1546; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Tune: Nicolaus Declus, c. 1485-after 1546;

Setting: Choralbuch zum Evangelischen Kirchengesangbuch, 1952, *alt.*

Scripture references: Isa 53:4-7; Jn 1:29; 1 Pe 1:18,19; 1 Jn 2:2

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Hymn 420 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, *alt.*

Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615; setting: Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978

Scripture references: Mt 16:21; Isa 53:4-6

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Hymn 793 – Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me

Text (verses): Mary Lundie Duncan, 1814-1840; (refrain): Keith Getty, b. 1974; Kristyn Getty, b. 1980

Music: Keith Getty, b. 1974; Kristyn Getty, b. 1980

Scripture references: Ps 23; 53:3; Pr 3:24-26; Isa 40:11; Jn 10:14

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