

**Ash Wednesday**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: God's mercy endures forever.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** *Come and Fill Our Hearts (5x)* **VT 52**

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 51 **VT 889**

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgression.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and put a new and steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

**Prayer of Confession** **VT 893**

Leader: For failing to love others as you have loved us, God of grace,

**People: forgive us.**

Leader: For wasting our gifts and hoarding our goods, God of grace,

**People: forgive us.**

Leader: For plundering the earth and abusing the planet, God of grace,

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need, God of grace,

**People: forgive us.**

Leader: For losing heart and abandoning hope, God of grace,

**People: forgive us.**

Leader: For all the ways we turn from you, God of grace,

**People: forgive us.**

Leader: We offer you our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

**Sung Response** *Kyrie eleison (3x)* **VT 678**

**Homily** *Training Ourselves*

**Silent Meditation (5 min.)**

**Hymn** *Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God* **VT 304**

**Prayer**

**Imposition of Ashes**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *Shalom, My Friends (2x)* **VT 842**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Confitemini Domino (Come and Fill Our Hearts)**

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**Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God**

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**Kyrie eleison**

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**Shalom chaverim (Shalom, My Friends)**

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