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Beverly Heights
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ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5, 2025

Welcome to the house of our God on this Ash Wednesday evening.

Tonight we inaugurate our celebration of the season of Lent. By the fourth century the church had determined that a period of fasting and repentance that corresponded with Jesus' forty days of temptation in the wilderness was an appropriate way to prepare for the celebration of the passion and death of our Savior. By counting backwards from Easter (excluding Sundays which were "feast days"), Wednesday became the start of the seven-week period we continue to observe today. The Lenten season is characterized by personal reflection upon one's own sin, repentance (the "giving up" of all that which contributes to sin and separation from God) and a celebration of all that Christ has accomplished for us through His suffering and death.

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Dixon

The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Hope in God; for we shall praise Him, our help and our God.

Choral Introit

Franklin Sanctus

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 103

Mr. Peter A. Chace

Prayer of Invocation

Holy and loving God, as we worship You this evening, we long for Your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

Gathering Hymn **No. 497**

vv. 1-3

I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

Responsive Reading

from Psalm 119

Leader: You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in Your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word. You are good and do good; teach me Your statutes.

People: The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep Your precepts; their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in Your law. It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn Your statutes. The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Repentance

Almighty God, You despise nothing You have made, and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Private Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.

Lenten Response (see back of bulletin)

Franklin Kyrie

Choral Anthem

Create in Me

Larkin

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 41:1-29

Communion Meditation

The King Who Saves

Pastor Devlin

Communion Hymn **No. 429**

vv. 1, 2, 4

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See bottom of page)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

Please note: we will eat together in the pew.

Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.

The Elders are serving bread and wine.

To better serve those with restrictions, please see Pastor Devlin for gluten-free bread and/or grape juice.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 248**

vv. 1, 3, 5

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Benediction

Postlude

I Need Thee Every Hour

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***May I Come to the Lord's Table?**

All true believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

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I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68

1. I need thee, pre - cious Je - sus, for I am full of sin;
 2. I need thee, pre - cious Je - sus, for I am ver - y poor;
 3. I need thee, pre - cious Je - sus, and hope to see thee soon,

my soul is dark and guilt - y, my heart is dead with - in.
 a strang - er and a pil - grim, I have no earth - ly store.
 en - cir - cled with the rain - bow and seat - ed on thy throne.

I need the cleans - ing foun - tain where I can al - ways flee,
 I need the love of Je - sus to cheer me on my way,
 There, with thy blood - bought chil - dren, my joy shall ev - er be,

the blood of Christ most pre - cious, the sin - ner's per - fect plea.
 to guide my doubt - ing foot - steps, to be my strength and stay.
 to sing my Je - sus' prais - es, to gaze, O Lord, on thee.

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Rom. 12:1

1. Let thy blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2. Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3. By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear wound
 4. Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

bod - y bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give,
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

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of thy bound - less love the to - ken.
 Je - sus by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match - less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

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Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 • the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 • tone - ment, while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Franklin Kyrie

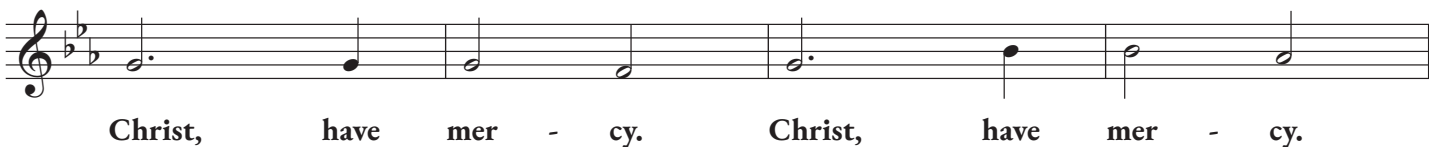
All voices



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



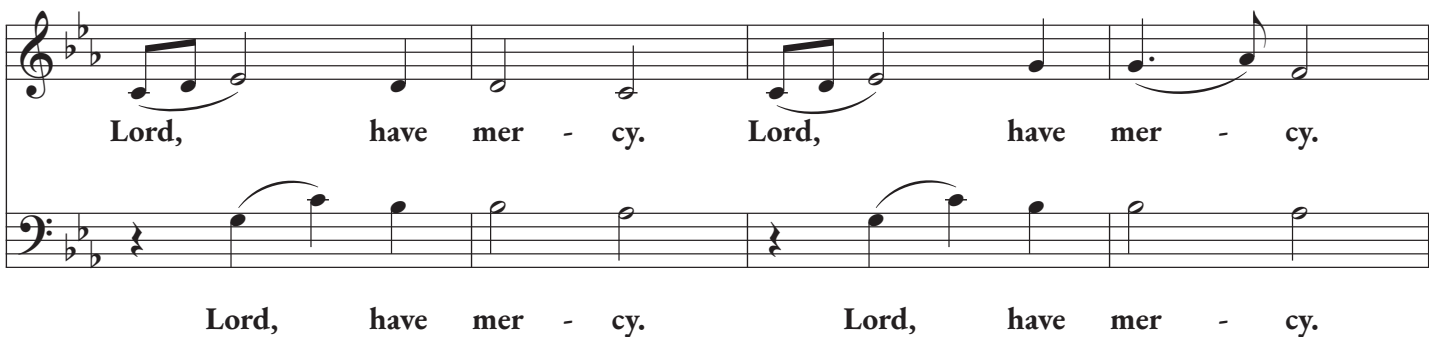
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.




Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009

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