

You are now invited to come forward to retrieve from the baptismal waters a symbol of baptism, which you may carry with you throughout Lent to remind you of your cleansing in Jesus Christ.

*HYMN 649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

*CLOSING PRAYER

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being—spirit, soul, and body—free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

As you depart, please remain silent until you are outside the sanctuary.

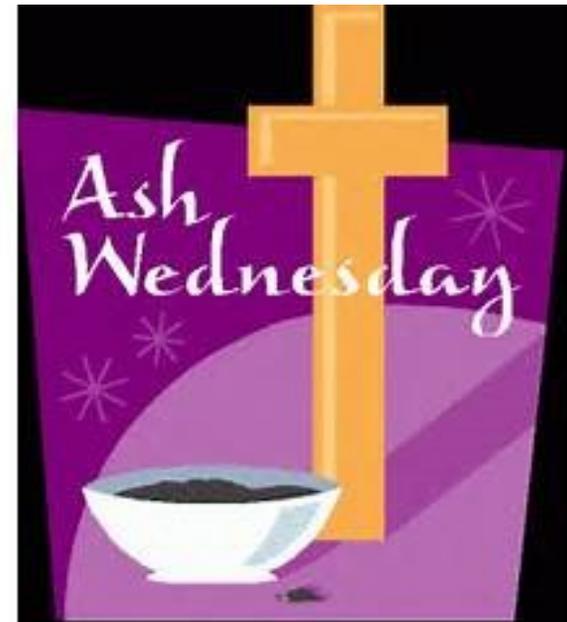
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INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

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

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 824 "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" Alice Parker
Chancel Choir

EPISTLE II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*HYMN 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

HOMILY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY Harry C. Meissner

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Hebrews 10:22

A TIME FOR INTROSPECTION

During this time of silence you are invited to look into your own life, trying to identify those things (sins) that are barriers to your relationship with God and with other people—that inhibit the abundance of your life, your relationships, and your sense of peace... things you might "give up" for Lent and beyond.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those

things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

Scripture Sentences

Profession of Faith

Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world which defy God's righteousness and love?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism.

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.