

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 5, 2025

7:00 p.m.

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Lord, In This Thy Mercy's Day* Robert J. Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Isaiah 58:3-8

Leader: Why do we fast, but the LORD does not see?

People: Why humble ourselves, but our God does not notice?

Leader: But, this is the fast that is chosen of the LORD; to loose the bonds of injustice,

People: To undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every bond.

Leader: Is it not to share our bread with the hungry,

People: And to bring the homeless poor into our homes?

Leader: Then we shall call, and the LORD will answer;

People: We shall cry for help, and our God will say, "Here I am!"

HYMN #195 *Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord* PTOMEY
verses 1 and 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deliver us, O Lord, from our ill favored thoughts which blind us to Your truth, from our ill natured deeds which prevent us from serving You, and from our ill spent lives which ignore Your divine presence. Deliver us, O Lord, from the fear which makes us unfaithful, from the anger which makes us unmerciful, and from the selfishness which makes us ungrateful. Save us, O Lord, not only from the guilt of sin, but also from its power. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

HOMILY

HYMN #82

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

O LAMM GOTTES

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Ashes

DUST AND ASHES

Beth Underwood, mezzo-soprano

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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