

# Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

## Prelude

## Welcome and Gathering

## Call to Worship

One: Friends in Christ, we begin a forty-day journey toward Easter.

**Many: We enter the Lenten season to prepare ourselves to welcome Christ who invites us all.**

One: We will engage in practices of self-examination, prayer, service, repentance, and love.

**Many: We dedicate ourselves to meditate upon the scriptures and to connect with God through prayer.**

One: We seek to be more faithful disciples of Christ by following a path other Christians have walked before us.

**Many: We open our hearts, minds and souls to what God might be leading us to hear.**

One: From ancient times Christians have on this day searched for wholeness and strength.

**Many: We, too, come seeking reconciliation with God and with one another.**

One: God has created us out of the dust of this earth.

**Many: Let today be a time for us to see the mortality and fragile nature of the human story.**

One: Holy God, through these forty days, make your Spirit burn within us.

**Many: Make us signs of your passionate love that is meant to be extended to us and all people.**

**All: All this we say in Christ's name. Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*"When We Are Living"*

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## Children's Moment

## Scripture

*Mark 1:12-13a*

## Meditation

## Invitation to Receive Ashes and Communion

## Special Music

*"When Charity and Love Prevail"*

## Giving Thanks

One: Long ago, the prophet told the people.  
"Rend your hearts and not your clothing."

**All: Tonight, we weep for what we could have been and are not.  
We grieve for what we should have done and did not.  
Our hearts are broken open.**

One: We know, Holy One,  
That with each of our breakings you break,  
and with each of our woundings  
your own wounds grow deeper.  
Yet you hold the pieces together,  
till we learn to make the new connections.

**All: You remind us that it is our delight you seek,  
not our suffering.  
And you tell us it is not the wounds that give us life,  
but the tending of them in each other.  
It is not the breaking that makes us whole  
but the mending of the pieces  
that brings us life anew. Amen.**

## Benediction Hymn

*"Make Us One"*

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*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Chris Wilson & Rev. Denise Dugan*

*Musician: Darin Seidel*

## "When We Are Living"

*Unísono (Unison)*

1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.  
Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.

Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,

*Estribillo (Refrain)* *last time to Coda*

We be-long to God, we be-long to God.

*Coda (Solamente la última vez)*

We be-long to God, we be-long to God.

3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
4. Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

## "Make Us One"

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Make us one, Lord, make us one;  
Ho-ly Spir - it, make us one. Let your  
love flow so the world will know we are one in  
you. Make us you.

*Repeat ending* *D.S.* *Song ending*