

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*Jesus Paid it All*”
tune All to Christ; arr. by Pathel.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LENTEN ADDRESS - *all standing*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, Almighty God created us to live in communion with Him and with one another in love. Yet sin separates us from Him and each other, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended. By our sins, we also grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under His judgement, but to turn to Him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against all sin and temptation that would lead us away from loving God and our neighbor. Let us pray to our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son, and in the power of His Holy Spirit, that He would grant us grace to amend our lives, and that He would have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

(all may kneel)

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

O almighty God, merciful Father: **We confess to You, and to one another, that we have greatly sinned in our thoughts and in our words, in what we have done and in what we have failed to do.**

We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have

not forgiven others as You have forgiven us. **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

We have been deaf to Your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to our calling as Your children. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit. **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

Our negligence in our use of Your Word, in our life of prayer, and in our worship; and our failure to live the faith that is in us, **we confess to You, O Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, our dishonesty in daily life and work, **we confess to You, O Lord.**

All our past unfaithfulness, our pride, hypocrisy, and impatience **we confess to You, O Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, **we confess to You, O Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustrations, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, **we confess to You, O Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for all the wrongs we have done. For looking to ourselves for our highest good, and not looking to Your Word and Your will, **accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our blindness to need and suffering in Your creation, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty in our world, **accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our

prejudice and contempt toward all who differ from us, **accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let Your anger depart from us. **Hear us, Lord, for the sake of Your Son. Amen.**

(please be seated)

Imposition of Ashes (Those who desire may come forward to receive ashes on their forehead or the back of their hand.)

Choir sings Psalm 51, setting by Bargano Navarro & Delmonte

(all may kneel)

God the Father in heaven, **have mercy.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy.**

Be gracious to us. **Spare us, good Lord.**

We poor sinners implore You **to hear us, O Lord.**

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we would turn from our wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins, that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God made you His child in Holy Baptism, and grafted You into the vine,

our Savior Jesus. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(all standing)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - Joel 2:12-19

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 103:8-14 - *we read in unison*

SECOND LESSON - 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10

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page 157 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - *all standing*

GOSPEL - Luke 7:36-49

Before, all say: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all say: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 570 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - hymnal, last page, all standing

PRAYERS - all may kneel
Response: **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY— The Parish Choir sings “Dust, Remember You Are Splendor” text by Susan Cherwien and music by Anne Organ.

Splendor, Splendor, Dust, remember you are splendor. Dust, remember you are splendor. In God's image you were made: God's own breath breathes in your breathing God's own hands shaped you of clay: Noble, precious, and beloved, godliness in dust arrayed.

Dust, remember you are splendor: Set aside the works of night: Put away the deeds of darkness: Set your face toward God's own light: Nevermore to yoke and trample. Nevermore to press and slight. Follow Christ into the desert: There the Spirit's call obey. Now, the time of Your returning: now your resurrection day.

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** - all standing

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

page 162 - **LORD'S PRAYER and WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI** - we sing, standing

HOLY COMMUNION

During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 609 and 610

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of His

church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - which gives us His forgiveness and makes us one Christian family.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

Page 165 - **NUNC DIMITTIS** – we sing, standing

PRAYER and BENEDECTION

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever **Amen.**

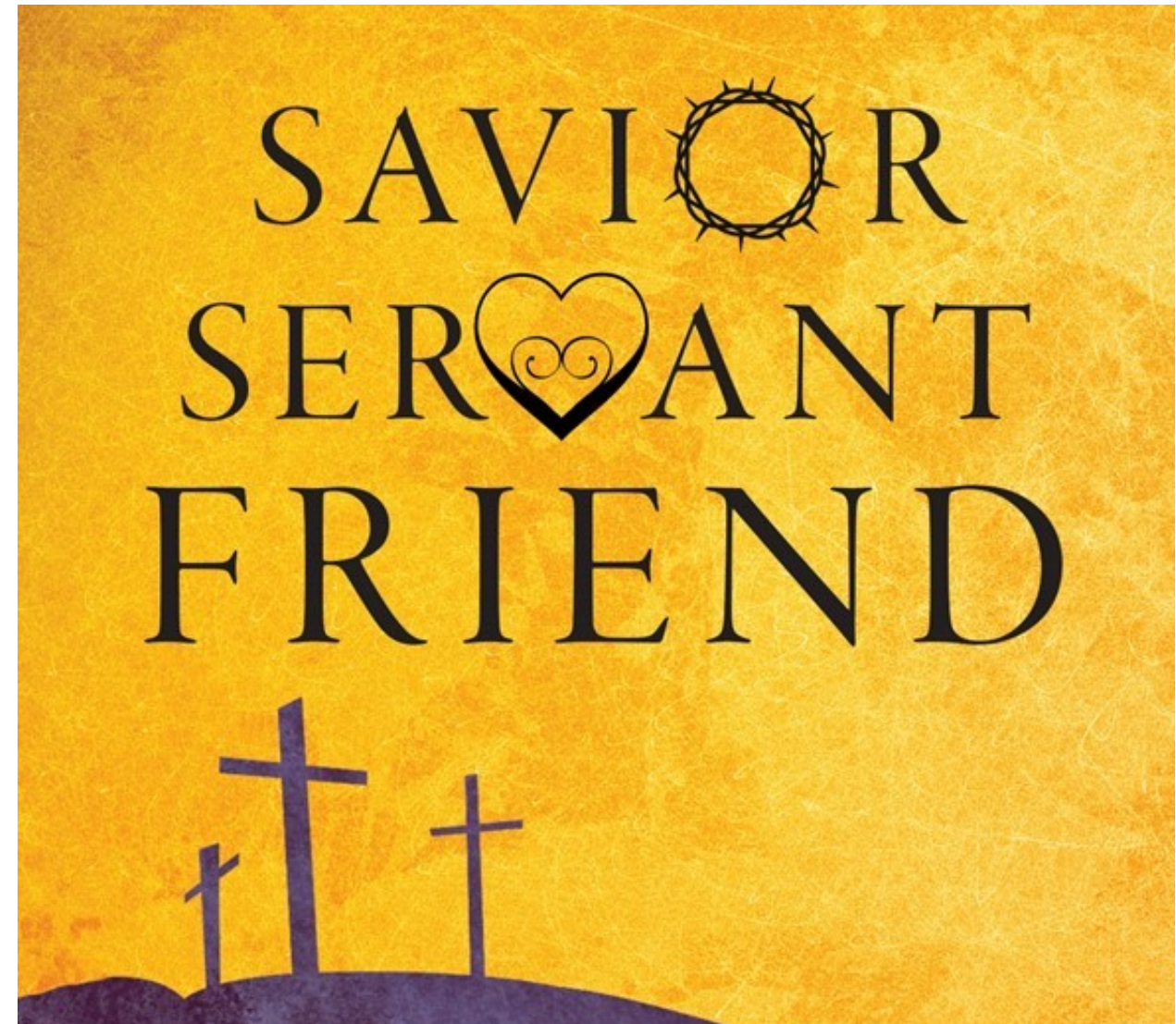
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN 770 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - “The Lamb Bears Our Sin” by Johnson.

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Our Invitation. Worship with us twice each week during Lent - on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. This is pleasing to God who blesses us with the gift of His Spirit and who renews us with life in His Son that all the world might know His love.



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Ash Wednesday

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