

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
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Ash Wednesday Worship
Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022
7 PM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Imposition of Ashes Offered as We Enter the Sanctuary

Prelude: Ah, Holy Jesus

Crager/Wilson

Sanctuary Choir: Speak to Me in Ashes

Nolan

Worship

L: Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; And tear your hearts, and not your garments. Return to the Lord, your God. For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights

Heinlein

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George Hunt Smyttan, 1856; alt.

Matt. 4:1-11; Heb. 2:18

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
2 Shall we not your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side;

For - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint or fail!
'Round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.
That with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

The son of a doctor in Bombay, George Hunt Smyttan became a priest in the Church of England. He published several collections of verse. This hymn was one of three Lenten hymns that appeared in The Penny Post (1856).

Tune: HEINLEIN 7.7.7.7.
Attrib. to Martin Herbst, 1676

Confession

L: When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

L: As we begin our Lenten journey, may we be steadfast in seeking our Lord in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Let us offer God our confession:

All: God, open our ears, our eyes and our hearts, to the subtle voice of Jesus calling us into integrity and peace. We confess those places in our hearts where we hold on to hurt, fear, disappointment, judgement, unkindness, control of our own life and that of others . . . God, we come seeking the grace of Your forgiveness. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: Amazing Grace - #202- Red Hymnal - Stanzas 1 and 4

Excell

Scripture: Matthew 6: 1 - 8

Message: A Lenten Way of Life

Hymn: Nearer My God to Thee - #393 - Red Hymnal

Mason

Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude: Jesu, Word of God Incarnate

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