



PLACES *of the* PASSION



The City of Jerusalem

# Ash Wednesday

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### LENTEN CROSSES

*This year's Lenten crosses were handcrafted by Grace member Dan Trinklein, using plexiglass leftover from making COVID-safe dividers for tables in school classrooms.*

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME

**TOLLING OF THE BELL** *(after the third bell, please rise and turn to face the cross.)*

### \*SILENT PROCESSIONAL

Vicar: Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. In this Season of Lent, we walk with Jesus in the places of His passion.

People: **See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes. (Matthew 20:18)**

## **\*INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Vicar: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: Amen.**

Vicar: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

**People: To see the depths of His love.**

Vicar: To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

**People: To gaze upon the heights of His grace.**

Vicar: To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.

**People: We walk with Jesus to the City of Jerusalem.**

Vicar: Because Passover is coming.

**People: And the Son of Man will be crucified.**

Vicar: Faithful Lord, with me abide.

**People: I shall follow where you guide!**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

**“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”**

*Hymn 685*

*(sts. 1 & 4)*

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.**

**Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.**

## TRADITIONAL LITANY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

*(The congregation may be seated for prayer.)*

Vicar: O Lord,  
**People: have mercy.**

Vicar: O Christ,  
**People: have mercy.**

Vicar: O Lord,  
**People: have mercy.**

Vicar: O Christ,  
**People: hear us.**

Vicar: God the Father in heaven,  
**People: have mercy.**

Vicar: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**People: have mercy.**

Vicar: God the Holy Spirit,  
**People: have mercy.**

Vicar: Be gracious to us.  
**People: Spare us, good Lord.**

Vicar: Be gracious to us.  
**People: Help us, good Lord.**

Vicar: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy

Spirit, the Comforter:

**People: Help us, good Lord.**

Vicar: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**People: Help us, good Lord.**

Vicar: We poor sinners implore You

**People: to hear us, O Lord.**

Vicar: To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

**People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Vicar: To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

**People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Vicar: To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Vicar: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**People: we implore You to hear us.**

Vicar: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**People: have mercy.**

Vicar: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**People: have mercy.**

Vicar: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**People:** grant us Your peace.

Vicar: O Christ,  
**People:** hear us.

Vicar: O Lord,  
**People:** have mercy.

Vicar: O Christ,  
**People:** have mercy.

Vicar: O Lord,  
**People:** have mercy. Amen.

Vicar: O God, You desire not the death of sinners but that they turn from their 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.

**People:** Amen.

## **HYMN**

**“O Christ, You Walked the Road”** (*sts. 1 & 4*)

*Hymn 424*

**O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand’ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r  
And fought our ancient foe.**

**When lures of easy gain  
With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;  
Our wills with Yours align.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:12-15

<sup>12</sup>‘Even now,’ declares the LORD, ‘return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.’ <sup>13</sup>Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. <sup>14</sup>Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing - grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God. <sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.

Lector: You have heard the Word of the Lord.

**People: O Lord have mercy.**

## PSALMODY (*Psalm 122 “A Psalm for Jerusalem”*)

Vicar: I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.” Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.

**People: Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.**

Vicar: That is where the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel. There the thrones for judgment stand, the thrones of the house of David.

**People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure.**

Vicar: May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.”

**People: For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.”**

Vicar: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## THE CHOIR ANTHEM

### “Lenten Meditation” (Grace Chorale)

J. Althouse

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 23:37; 26:1-5

Vicar: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-third and twenty-sixth chapters.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup>“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“As you know, the Passover is two days away - and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.” <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. <sup>5</sup>“But not during the Feast,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

Vicar: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## \*THE GOSPEL HYMN “Jerusalem the Golden” (sts. 1-3)

Hymn 672



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—  
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,  
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—  
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.  
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:  
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;  
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!  
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.  
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.

## THE HOMILY

### “Walking in Jerusalem”

#### \*THE CONFESSION

Vicar: Magnificent and merciful Father, because I walk into dark and dangerous places, hear me as I confess my sins.

People: **My feet take me to places of compromise and sinful ambition.**

Vicar: My heart lingers in places of lust and lies.

People: **My words take me to places of anger, rage and hatred.**

Vicar: My ears delight in going to places of gossip, deceit and ridicule.

People: **My mind takes me to places of selfishness and pride.**

Vicar: My eyes lead me to places of envy and greed.

People: **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ’s love is greater.)*

#### \*THE OFFERTORY

### “Create in Me”



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### \*THE ABSOLUTION

Vicar: Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejections, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That’s why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. By His grace, He has created in you a clean heart and renewed a right spirit within you.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

#### \*WORDS OF PROCEDURE AND PREPARATION

*(Come forward, up the side aisles, stopping to receive the sign of the cross with ashes, then exiting down the center aisle. The ashes are imposed on the forehead in a reverent and safe way with a Q-tip, one per person, and the ancient words: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”)*

## **\*THE BLESSING OF THE ASHES**

**Vicar:** The ashes in these bowls are from the burning of palms. If you desire, you are invited to participate in the sacred custom of receiving the imposition of ashes with the sign of the cross on your forehead. Let us pray.

**People:** **O Lord, let these ashes be a reminder to us that we are dust. May this be a mark of our repentance. Bless all those who receive these ashes this day. May they keep this Lenten season in preparation for the joy of celebrating the resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **THE MUSIC DURING THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

#### **"The Wonderful Cross"**

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died;  
My richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown.**

#### **Chorus**

**Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross.  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross.  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**

Were the whole realm of nature mine;  
that were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all. Chorus

**“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”**

*Hymn 611*

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus’ love, Higher than the heav’ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv’n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav’n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

**“Just as I Am, without One Plea”**

*Hymn 570*

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**“My Song Is Love Unknown”**

*Hymn 430*

**My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.**

**Oh, who am I That for my sake  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.**

**But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.**

**Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath,  
And for His death They thirst and cry.**

**Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.**

**Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease And ’gainst Him rise.**

**They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.**

**Yet cheerful He To suff’ring goes  
That He His foes From thence might free.**

**In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.**

**What may I say? Heav’n was His home  
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.**

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!

### THE PARTICIPANTS

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# "Places of the Passion" Itinerary Lent 2021

Grace Lutheran Church  
Winter Haven, Florida

## **Feb. 17 Wed. 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday – The City of Jerusalem**

Passover crowds fill the city, and the plot against Jesus begins. (Matthew 23:37, 26:1-5)

**Imposition of ashes with Q-tips (one per person)**

## **Feb. 21 Sat - Sun 5:00 PM; 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM - 1st Sunday in Lent - Bethany**

In this small town, Jesus is "anointed" for burial. (Matthew 26:6-13)

## **Feb. 24 Wed. 7:00 PM - Midweek 1 - The Temple**

The Temple is the place of God's name, sacrifice, worship, and prayer. (Matthew 21:12-13, 21:23-27)

## **Feb. 28 Sat - Sun 5:00 PM; 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM - 2nd Sunday in Lent - The Mount of Olives**

The disciples sing a hymn, and Jesus predicts Peter's denial. (Matthew 26:30-35)

## **Mar. 3 Wed. 7:00 - Midweek 2 - The Mount of Olives**

Jesus teaches the disciples overlooking Jerusalem. (Matthew 24:1-14)

## **Mar. 7 Sat - Sun 5:00 PM; 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM - 3rd Sunday in Lent - Garden of Gethsemane**

Under the cover of darkness, Jesus is betrayed and arrested. (Matthew 26:47-56)

## **Mar. 10 Wed. 7:00 PM- Midweek 3 - The Palace of the High Priest**

Jesus is brought before Annas and Caiaphas (John 18:12-27)

## **Mar. 14 Sat - Sun 5:00 PM; 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM - 4th Sunday in Lent - The Courtyard**

A late-night trial of Jesus is held, and Peter denies Him. (Matthew 26:57-69)

## **Mar. 17 Wed. 7:00 PM - Midweek 4 - The Fortress of Antonia**

The Governor determines to execute Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. (John 18:28-19:16)

## **Mar. 21 Sat - Sun 5:00 PM; 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM - 5th Sunday in Lent - Pilate's Judgment Hall**

Pilate questions Jesus and, though innocent, delivers Him to be crucified. (Matthew 27:11-23)

## **Mar. 24 Wed. 7:00 PM - Midweek 5 - Skull Hill / Mt Calvary**

The Place of Crucifixion (John 19:17-30)

## **Mar. 28 Sat - Sun 5:00 PM; 8:30 AM; Confirmation 10:45 AM - Palm Sunday - Bethphage**

A donkey is found in Bethphage, and the ride into Jerusalem begins. (Matthew 21:1-11)

## **Apr. 1 Thur. 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday - The Upper Room**

Passover is prepared, and Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:17-29)

## **Apr. 2 Fri. 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM - Good Friday - Golgotha**

Jesus is crucified and breathes His last. (Matthew 27:45-56)

## **Apr. 3 Sat. 7:00 PM - Easter Vigil – The Garden Tomb**

Outside the guarded tomb as New Life emerges inside. (Matthew 27:57-66)

## **Apr. 4 Sun. 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM - Easter Sunday - The Victorious Tomb**

See the place where they laid Him who is now arisen. (Matthew 28:1-10)