

TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



March 5, 2025

4:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

*We begin our Lenten Journey in a spirit
of penitence and humility.*

The livestream for this service can be accessed from our main YouTube page:
<http://bit.ly/TPC-YouTube-Page> The livestream will begin several minutes before the
service begins. Feel free to tune in whenever you are ready. If you prefer to view the
service later, the video will be available soon after the service has concluded.

GATHERING

*When the prelude begins, please silence your cell phones
and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

PRELUDE

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Panis Angelicus

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Piano

SERVICE INTRODUCTION

A moment to set the tone of the service.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Steve Ranney

Let us look for God.

*In silence let your mind wander,
looking at the majesty of God that is displayed around and in us.*

Let us look for Jesus.

*In silence let your mind wander,
looking at the changes Christ has made in your life.*

Let us look for the Holy Spirit.

*In silence open your mind to the nudging of the Holy Spirit,
listening for things you need to change.*

Having prepared our hearts, let us open them to God.

* HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled?
2. His word shall not fail you — He prom - ised;

No light in the dark - ness you see?
Be - lieve Him, and all will be well:

There's light for a look at the Sav - ior,
Then go to a world that is dy - ing,

And life more a - bun - dant and free!
His per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus,
Look full in His won - der - ful face,
And the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim
In the light of His glo - ry and grace.

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament, Page 157

Romans 7:14-24

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that

the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

READING

The Rev. Dr. Steve Ranney

Sidney and Norman

INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND LENTEN DISCIPLINE

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord,
as we begin this season of preparing ourselves
to remember Your suffering, death, and resurrection,
we must confess that we fail miserably
in our attempt to live as You want us to.
We fail to admit that we are weak
and need Your strength.
We refuse to carry each other's burdens
because of the pain it might cause.
We crave power, riches and pleasure,
instead of righteousness.
We seek praise from the world,
rather than from You.
We are quick to call for vengeance,
rather than showing mercy.
We deny our faith in You,
rather than face ridicule from those around us.
Because we live this way,
our hearts have become covered with impurities
which cause us to hide from Your presence.
Forgive us, Lord
and purify our hearts
so that we may see You and live,
so that in Your eyes*

*we may be truly blessed.
Amen.*

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Invocation

Out of the ashes, up from the dust,
we bring our prayers to God, saying,
*in Your steadfast love, O Lord,
have mercy on us.*

Restore in us, O God, the joy of Your salvation;
renew and sustain our spirits,
so that we may live according to Your will;
through Jesus Christ, our hope and strength.
Amen.

The Prayers

Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Glory to God, Page 35

*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.*

*The people may come forward to receive
the sign of the ashes.*

Prayer

*God of compassion,
You reconciled us to Yourself.
Following his example
of prayer and fasting,
may we obey You with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;*

through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 442

Just as I am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



come to thee,
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
I be - lieve,
thine a - lone,

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

I Know My Redeemer Liveth

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Piano

All quietly depart.

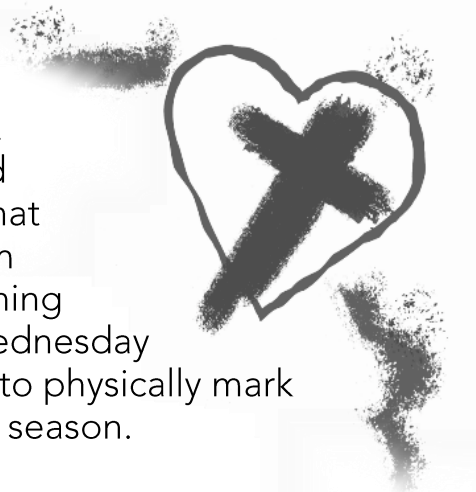
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Ash Wednesday

Background

Ash Wednesday is the day in the church year where we mark the beginning of the season of Lent. During this season, we are all invited to reflect on the things in our lives that may be causing us to be distant from God and distant from others. Beginning around the 11th century, the Ash Wednesday service became a way for Christians to physically mark and remember the beginning of the season.



Historically, during the service, ashes are prepared from the palm fronds used during the Palm Sunday of the prior year as a way to point toward the Gospel message of the upcoming Easter. The ashes are mixed with oil and placed with the sign of the cross on the foreheads of the service participants and the words, "From dust you have come and to dust you will return," are shared with each person. This can be a startling statement to hear. However, the purpose is not to alarm but to remind us that we have been created by God and that it is God who holds us in life and in death.

Perhaps it is because of our increasingly virtual world, Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent become powerful opportunities to reconnect with our families, friends, our faith communities, and most importantly our Creator. The scent of the oil, the scratch of the ashes, and the sound of song and Word all provide us with different ways to feel and understand the significance of the season.

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