

ASH WEDNESDAY - Abraham and Isaac: God's Will and God's Promise



Welcome to Worship

Spoken Opening Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous 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.

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

Together, let us make public confession of our sins.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against you. I have done that which you forbid, and I have failed to do that which you command. In the weariness of a busy life, I have yielded to temptation. I have trusted myself more than I have trusted you. I have not always followed where you lead. Forgive me, I pray. By your Holy Spirit, lead me and guide me so that I may truly be used by you in your great redemptive work on earth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

P Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! (Psalm 130:1-2)

C Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.

P If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. (Psalm 130:3-4)

C 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.

P I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. (Psalm 130:5)

C 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.

P My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. (Psalm 130:6)

C 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.

P O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love; with him there is plenteous redemption. (Psalm 130:7)

C Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down. Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.

P As you believe, so may it be unto you. Based upon the merits of Christ Jesus, I announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, I admit there are times when your will seems confusing to me, times when My experience says there is no God of grace, no God of power, no God at all. When it feels like You are absent, shape my trust in your promises, that I might rely on your Word even when my world is impossible to understand. In times of testing, let your will be done in my life. Amen.

Children's Message

New Testament Reading, Hebrews 11:8-19

Gospel Reading, Matthew 22:29-33

Message

Spoken Hymn: Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Prayers (Son of God, by sinners slain, **let your sacrifice for us free us to live for you**)

Imposition of Ashes

Meal

P Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

C Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

After Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Spoken Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Lord, whose love in humble services, Bore the weight of human need
Who upon the cross forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed
We your servants bring the worship, Not of voice alone but heart
Consecrating to your purpose, Every gift which you impart.

Sunday's service is at 9am at Nora – Annual Meeting following the service.