

## LITANY OF PENITENCE

One: Let us pray together.

All: **Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

One: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

All: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

One: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved you Holy Spirit.

All: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

One: We confess to, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

All: **We confess to you, O God.**

One: Our self-indulgent appetite and ways and our exploitation of other people.

All: **We confess to you, O God.**

One: Our anger at our frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: **We confess to you, O God.**

One: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

All: **We confess to you, O God.**

One: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

All: **We confess to you, O God.**

One: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to justice and cruelty,

All: **Accept our repentance, O God.**

One: For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,

And for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

All: **Accept our repentance, O God.**

One: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: **Accept our repentance, O God.**

One: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

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5:30 PM



# Ash Wednesday WORSHIP SERVICE.

*“Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”*

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PRELUDE *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* John Carter

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One: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him.

**All: God's love endures forever.**

One: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

One: Though the water roar and foam. Though the mountains tremble with tumult.

**All: God's love endures forever.**

\*HYMN NO. 735 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:1-21

MEDITATION *Are We Pretenders?*

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE Elder Bruce C Hurley  
A Responsive Reading Based On Psalm 51

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

**All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

One: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**All: Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

One: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**All: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

One: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**All: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed, rejoice.**

One: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

One: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

**All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

One: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**All: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

One: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**All: For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

LITANY OF PENITENCE (Please see back cover.) Pastor Jim Rowell

\*IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES Pastor Jim Rowell / Elder Bruce C Hurley

\*PRAYER Pastor Jim Rowell

\*HYMN NO 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*EXIT IN SILENT REFLECTION.



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