

The 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 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.

*HYMN

“Day Is Done” [544]

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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Wednesday
RETURN
TO THE
LORD
YOUR
GOD

Begin the journey to the cross

February 14, 2018

6:30^{PM}

PRELUDE

(As we listen to the beautiful music, may we silently prepare ourselves for worship.)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us pray: Almighty and ever-living God, You love all that You have created and You forgive the sins of those who come to You with humble and contrite hearts.

All: **Create in us clean and honest hearts, so that, as we turn from our sins, we may receive full forgiveness, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ~ Amen**

*HYMN

“Just As I Am” [370]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **We confess before God and one another, that we have sinned against You in thought, word and action, by what we have done and left undone. Have mercy upon us. (O Lord hear my prayer)**

All: **We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have failed to serve as Christ has served us and forgotten that we are to be Your hands and feet in the world. (O Lord hear my prayer)**

All: **We have been impatient as we wait for Your will to be done. Instead of seeking Your peace we have turned a blind eye to those who have needed our courage and our voices to call for justice. ((O Lord hear my prayer)**

All: **For these and all other sins, we ask Your mercy and forgiveness. ~ Amen (O Lord hear my prayer)**

Musical score for the hymn "Just As I Am" [370]. The score is in 4/4 time and G major. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures with lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. O". The second system has four measures with lyrics: "Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O". The score includes guitar chords (Em, G/D, Am/C, D, C, B7) and a "Last Time" marking at the end.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 51:1-11

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Turn toward your God, confident that, through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: **This is the good news of the gospel, thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

INVITATION TO LENT AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are invited to observe this season of Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, by reading God’s Word and seeking God’s will for our lives. To begin this journey, and as a reminder of our mortal nature, let us humble ourselves before God, our Maker and our Redeemer.

PRAYER

One: Almighty God, You created us out of the dust of the ground. May these ashes remind us that we are dust and shall return to dust.

May they also remind us of the Cross of Christ by which we are given the life ever-lasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen**

All are invited to come forward and receive the imposition of ashes as we sing

*HYMN

“Abide with Me” [543]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God, You call people everywhere to work for the good of all humanity. Empower the leaders of the nations to be ambassadors of Your mercy and justice.

All: **May we too learn to work for Your Kingdom and be the channels through which love, grace and mercy flow.**

One: God, grant compassion to all who care for others. Grant healing to the sick and peace to the dying and bereaved.

All: **Help us to work to be the answers to our prayers and the prayers of those in need.**

One: God, guide us through these days of Lent, that we may be forgiven of our sins and set us on the journey to new life and new beginnings.

All: **Hear our cries when we call to You and hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us ...**