

GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH
“A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS”

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ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2024



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

We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith. As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!

***Be sure your cell phone is
turned off during services....
Unless you are expecting a call from GOD!***



Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth. The wheel at the top adjusts the volume. When turned on, the light on top should be green. If it is red, please place the device in the basket on the counter in the sound booth and take another. Thank you!

We prepare to Worship

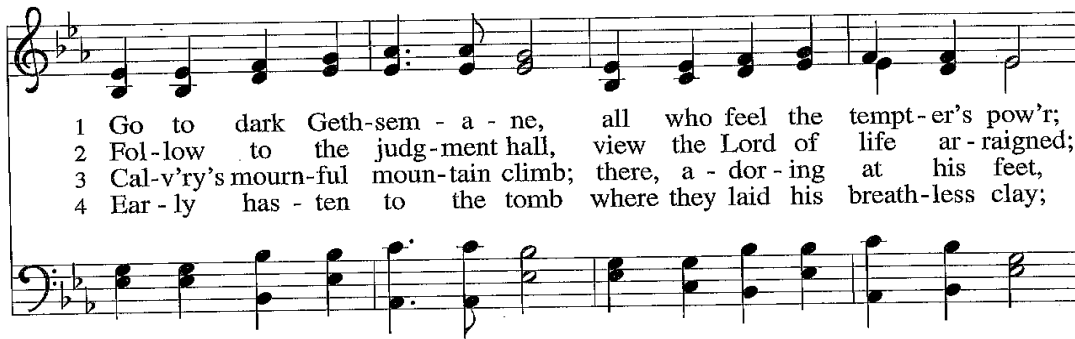
There is no Prelude on this solemn day.

INTRODUCTION

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

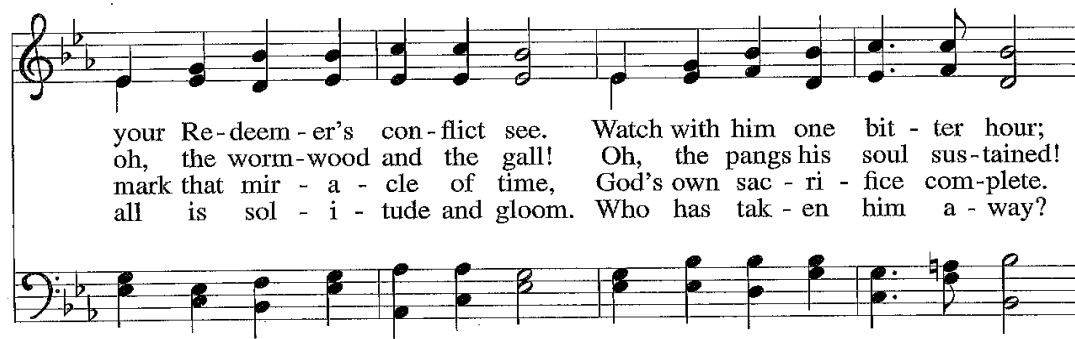
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Go to Dark Gethsemane

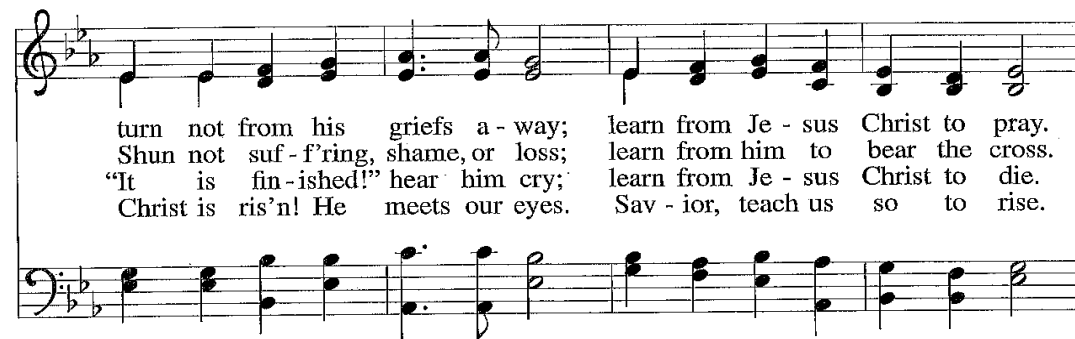


1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor-ing at his feet,
 4 Ear-ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;

HOLY WEEK, THREE DAYS



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

“Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved”


Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS

Vieme to, Pane Bože náš


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Leader





Oľče nebeský, Svoritel' u sveta, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.
 1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
 2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.



All




Vie - me to, Pa - ne Bo - že náš, že sa na
 Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren

nás hrieš - nych hne - váš, sved - či o tom smrt'
 e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
 death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the -
 that your word has made. Now make us grow and

ne - vin - ná Tvoj - ho je - di - né - ho Sy - na.
 sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
 Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
 help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.



Text: Jiří Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
 Music: *Tranoschus*, 1636; arr. Michal Kutzky, 1828–1899
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ZNÁME TO, PANE BOŽE NÁŠ
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IMPOSITION OF ASHES

When ashes are to be imposed, those who desire to receive ashes come forward. The ministers apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

After all who desire ashes have received them, the minister leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C Holy God, we gather on this Ash Wednesday to remember that we are created out of the dust of the earth, and that we will one day return to dust. Help us to see this not as a morbid reflection of death, but as a call to humbly turn over to you ourselves and all the world, knowing that you alone have the power to transform life and destroy death. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 22: 1-13

¹Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus^[a] to death, for they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. ⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus^[b] sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." ⁹They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" ¹⁰"Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

P The words of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

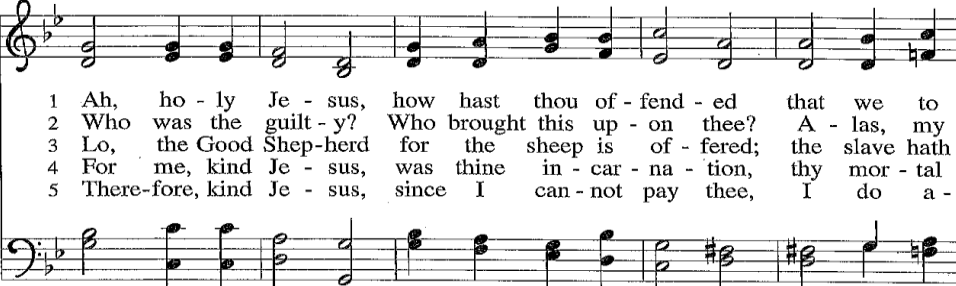
THE TEACHING:

"You meant it for Evil, But God Meant it for Good"

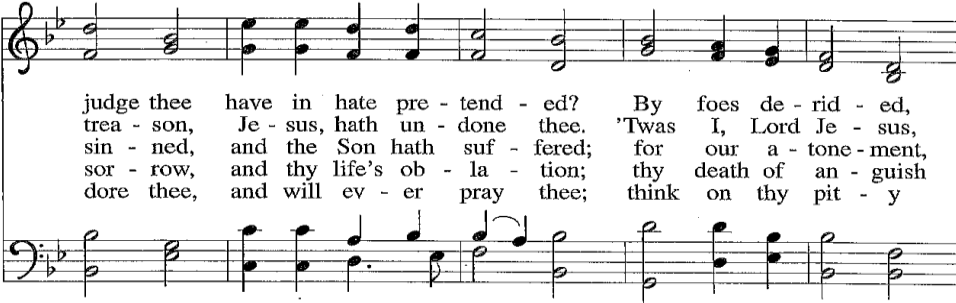
Jerry Randby

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Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

THE PRAYERS

P As we walk together through this season of contemplation and preparation, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P Holy God, give us ears to hear that your journey leads not just to the cross, but through the cross for the sake of all creation, so that we might faithfully walk alongside you to the very end. God of the journey,

C Hear our prayer.

P Give us hands to tend and keep your magnificent creation, that we might restore it to health and wholeness in love for you. God of the journey,

C Hear our prayer.

P Give us and all those in authority the humility to lead by serving, rather than the unchecked desire to seek after greatness for its own sake. God of the journey,

C Hear our prayer.

P Give us hearts full of compassion for all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, and send your healing grace to all in need, especially those we remember in our hearts. God of the journey,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray

C We pray for each of our mission congregations, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision and call process. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values while we support the call committee in moving toward a pastoral transition. We also pray for that pastor whom God calls to Gloria de Cristo to work with us to move this congregation forward. Enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we "Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person."

P Give us courage to face our complicity in the systems that cause harm to so many of your beloved children, and strength to do whatever is needed to change them. God of the journey,

C Hear our prayer.

P Give us gratitude for all the saints who have come before us, whose faith continues to guide and inspire us throughout our lives. God of the journey,

C Hear our prayer.

P Confident that you walk alongside us in our need, we lift to you all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our savior.

C Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

THE OFFERING (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in person giving as well and online giving. **You will find directions in the pew for our Text-giving option**)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is work to be done, but first we stop and eat. Let us now prepare to receive the blessing of our Lord's blood and body, which will be for us strength before the journey, and nourishment alongside our fellow travelers. Come to the table.

C Amen.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

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LENT

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Lamb of God *Your Only Son*



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus, Christ the Lamb of God.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 803

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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Alternate tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD

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Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C God of our pilgrimage, in this meal you nourish us with the gifts of faith and hope. Sustain us on our journey that, refreshed by your grace, we may reach the promised land, the Easter feast of victory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of the world, + be among you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

No Postlude on this Solemn Day

Our midweek services for the next five Wednesday's will be at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule:

March 24	Palm Sunday	7:45am & 9:30am
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday Service	6:00 p.m.
March 31	Easter Sunday	7:00am & 9:30am

Easter Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m.

TODAYS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Usher: Mike/Sandy Corless

Greeter: Ted/Niki Duffy

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What about Ash Wednesday?

Do you know the symbolism of Ash Wednesday?

From ancient times, ashes have been used as a symbol of mourning, penitence, grief and humiliation. In His pain and sorrow, Job “sat among the ashes” (Job 2:8). The Old Testament book of Numbers and the New Testament book of Hebrews indicate that ashes were also used for purification (see Numbers 19:17 and Hebrews 9:13).

Christians have had an old tradition of using ashes made from the palm branches used on the last Palm Sunday. Priests and Ministers have often used the ashes to make the sign of the cross on a believer’s forehead as part of the Ash Wednesday ceremony.

The ashes symbolize the Christian’s intent to repent of sins, to accept purification from the Lord, and to make a public witness of one’s faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

Since Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the ashes symbolize one’s intention to deepen his or her spiritual life. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and growth in dedication and service.

We urge your attendance and encourage you to invite a friend to come with you.

Announcements

LENT- Join us for this year's Lenten Series **"You Meant It For Evil, But God Meant It For Good"**

Wed., February 21st "He was numbered Among the Transgressors" – Char Schomisch

Wed., February 28th "The Real Battle" – Roger Tracey

Wed., March 6^t "When You See Such Blind Ignorance, What Do You Think?" – Judy Zeiss

Wed., March 13th "Faith for a Complicated World" – Randy Zieman

Wed., March 20th "That Day and Today" – Shirley Ehler

SOUP'S ON....DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?-

As in past years, during the Lenten season various groups will prepare and serve soup from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings before worship beginning February 28th .

Mens Breakfast- 1st Saturday of Each Month, 8 am , Daybreakers Restaurant

Food Collection- Our monthly food collection for the Yuma Community food bank is the 1st weekend of each month.

Potluck- After the 9:30 worship service on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Annual Yard Sale: Drop-offs will be accepted on Tuesday, February 20th & Wednesday, February 21st ONLY. The sale is Friday, February 23rd from 8 am-2 pm and Saturday, February 24th from 8 am til 12 pm.

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