

# Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

*\*If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand.*

**Prelude** "Aberystwyth" Joseph Parry

**Call to Worship** Joel 2:12-13

**Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Hymn** "Kind and Merciful God" Page #455

**\*Responsive Reading** Psalm 51:1-10

**Leader:** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

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

**Leader:** For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

**People:** Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

**Leader:** Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**People:** Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

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

**People:** Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

**Leader:** Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

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

**Prayer of the Day (pray in unison)**

**Pastor Tony**

**O God, Maker of everything and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth You have formed us, and from the dust of death You would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of Your calling. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson** Genesis 3:17-19 Pew Bible Page #3

**Homily** Pastor Tony

**Meditation** "Lenten Mourning Tears" Adolphus Hailstork  
Calista Brunett, Viola and Dean James, Organ

**Scripture Lesson** 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Pew Bible Page #1002

**Homily** Pastor Scott

**\*Hymn** "Out of the Depths" Page #465

**Blessing of the Ashes**

**Imposition of the Ashes**

*Please form a line in the center aisle and come forward to receive the sign of the cross upon your forehead.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn** "I Need Thee Every Hour" Page #538

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Bryn Calfaria" William Owen

*Loving God,*

*As we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that You would send Your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent and bring us closer to You.*



*Prepare a place in our home and heart for silence and solitude, so that we may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.*

*Help us to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind us of the grace of simplicity.*

*Enlarge our heart so that we may give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.*

*May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle our love for and faith in You.*

*Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.*

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*Wednesday*

*Begin your Lenten journey  
& be reconciled to God.*

