

***St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
February 14, 2018 ✠ 11:00 a.m.
Ash Wednesday***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God sent Christ into the world
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength,
a present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though the waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
God's love endures forever.

***SONG**

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should
give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing
loss. The Father turns His face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my
mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no power, no wisdom, But I will boast in
Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I
cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

Help me, open my heart to you, O Lord.

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
⁴ 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.
⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Help me, open my heart to you, O Lord.

⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Help me, turn my heart to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Help me, turn my heart to you, O Lord.

Psalm 51

*SONG

What Wondrous Love Is This?

Hymn 85

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul; O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul.*

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing; While millions join the theme, I will sing!

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!*

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,
give us contrite hearts.
May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal us by his wounds.
May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,
speak words of pardon and peace.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

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SONG

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Hymn 505

*Be known to us in breaking bread, But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine; Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine, Be our immortal food.*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYERS AROUND THE TABLE

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

As you pass the bread, say to one another:

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

As you pass the cup, hold it as the person next to you dips the
bread into the cup, and say to them:

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

CLOSING PRAYER

*After you share communion together, choose one person to close in prayer.
A prayer is provided, but you may add prayer requests or pray as you are led.*

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully
redeemed us. We thank you for your presence that holds onto us and
that hears our prayers. (Prayer requests may be included). Give us grace
that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our words, and
our open hearts to you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

Help me, lift up my heart to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
¹⁶ For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.
¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Help me, lift up my heart to you, O Lord.

Silence

SONG

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Hymn 384 vs 1

*O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back
the life I owe, That in Thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.*

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

MEDITATION

Loved as we Are, Called to Life in Christ

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PRAYER