

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday



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*The Sanctuary is a sacred space. The choral chimes will ring three times to let you know it is time to quiet your hearts, minds, and voices to prepare for worship.*

Prelude "Prière" Jean Langlais  
"Trio" Josef Rheinberger

Word of Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, open our lips,

**All: And our mouths will declare your praise.**

Leader: For you have no delight in sacrifice;

**All: a burnt offering would not please you.**

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

**All: the truly contrite heart God will not despise. LET US WORSHIP GOD.**

\*Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" 166

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Leader: Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scripture Lesson Daniel 9:3-5, 19 (pg. 1018)

Meditation "The Holiness of Ashes" Rev. Vincent Kolb

Litany

Leader: Trusting in God's righteousness, let us pray for the world and for our needs, saying,

**All: Holy God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the church, that in this season of fasting and repentance the people of God, with sincere hearts, may amend their lives and obey the gospel,

**All: Holy God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all pastors and teachers, that they may lead the church by humble example and give public witness without concern for earthly reward,

**All: Holy God, hear our prayer.**

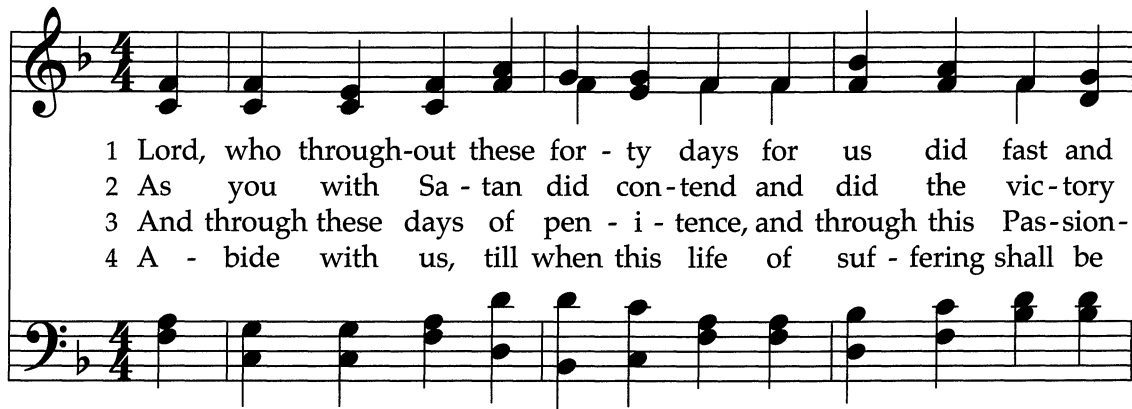
Leader: For peace among the nations and integrity within governments,

**All: Holy God, hear our prayer.**

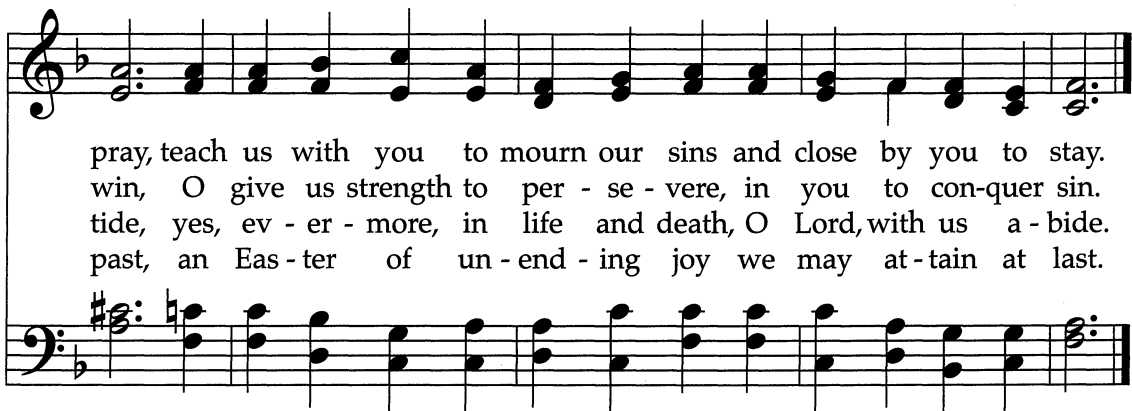
Leader: For our city of Pittsburgh and for all who live here, that neighborhoods may be places of hospitality and care,

# Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory  
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-  
 4 A - bid with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.  
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.  
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

**All: Holy God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, that they may find deliverance from their distress, and for all who seek to alleviate human suffering,

**All: Holy God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who suffer illness of body or mind and for those who care for them, that they may be healed of disease and know the joy of abundant life,

**All: Holy God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all those who grieve losses, that in their tender tears, O God, You might meet them with consolation.

**All: Holy God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For these concerns and those known only to you, Holy God, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: AMEN.**

Imposition of Ashes

\*Hymn "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" 471

Sing 3 times

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

Charge and Blessing

Leader: Disciples of Jesus, observe a Holy Lent: loose the bonds of injustice, break the yoke of oppression, feed the hungry, shelter the poor. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit go with you, now and forever more. AMEN.

Postlude "Toccata in E minor" Johann Pachelbel

*\*Those who can may stand*