

Verse

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LBW 102

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

LBW 385

Please Stand

Apostles’ Creed

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Offering Hymn

“Create in Me”

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Prayers of the Church

Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

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Lord’s Prayer

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Agnus Dei

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Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymns

“Remember Me”

BOB 188

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

LBW 296

“There Is a Redeemer”

BOB 211

Post-Communion Canticle

Please Stand

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision” vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

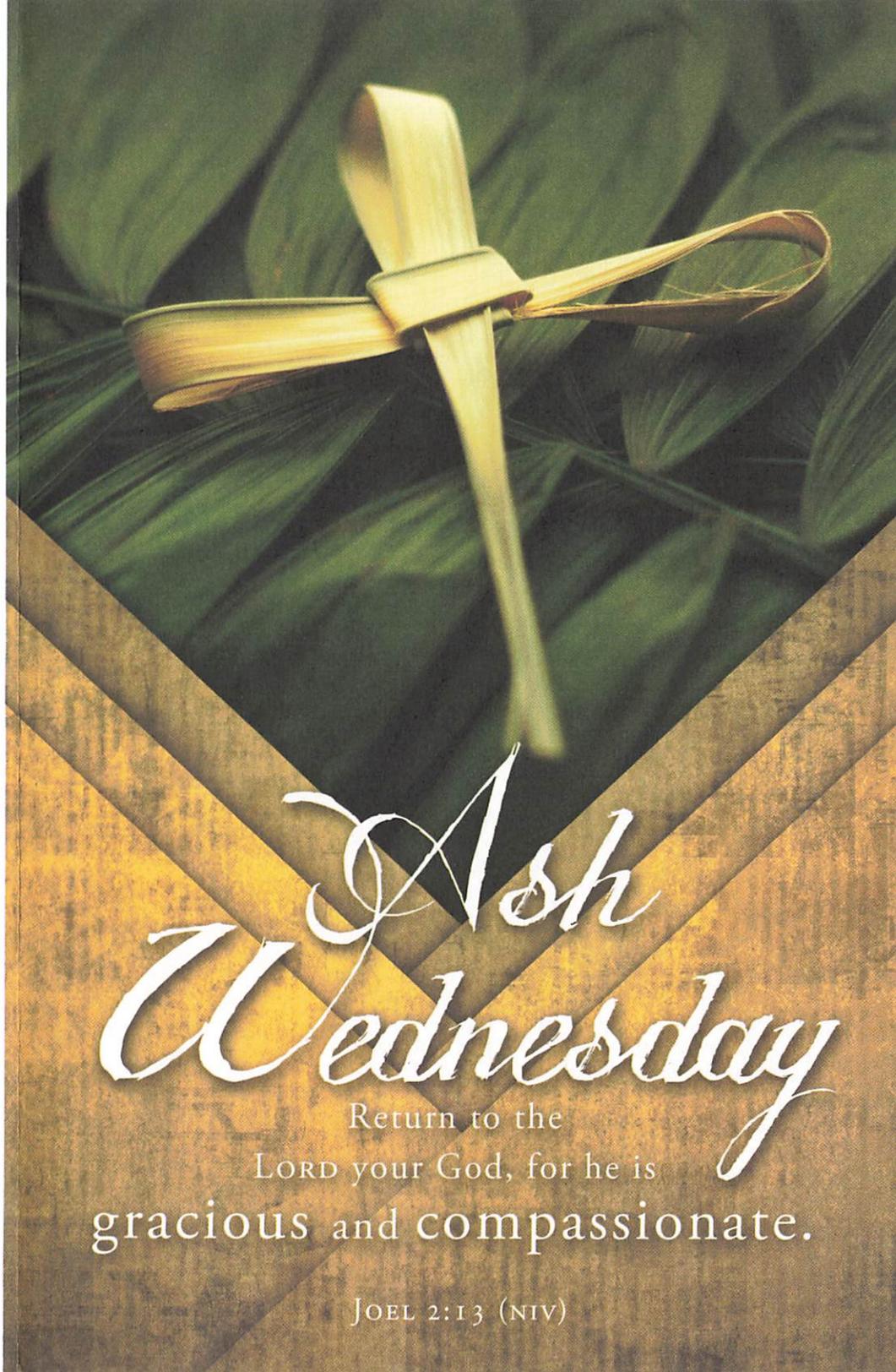
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Ash
Wednesday

Return to the
LORD your God, for he is
gracious and compassionate.

JOEL 2:13 (NIV)

6:30 WORSHIP/COMMUNION
ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Prelude

Please Stand

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Opening Hymn

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

LBW 99

Response

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: **A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen

Confession: Psalm 51

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: **and cleanse me from my sin!**

P: For I know my transgressions,

C: **and my sin is ever before me.**

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

C: **so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C: **and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

P: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

C: **and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C: **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P: Let me hear joy and gladness;

C: **let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

P: Hide your face from my sins,

C: **and blot out all my iniquities.**

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Cast me not away from your presence,

C: **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

C: **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

C: **and sinners will return to you.**

P: Let us humbly make confession unto God, imploring His forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **O God, heavenly Father, I confess unto you that I have grievously sinned against you in many ways; not only by outward transgression, but also by secret thoughts and desires, which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known by you. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I beseech you of your great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of your dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen**

Imposition of Ashes

All who desire may come forward as the ushers guide you. The minister applies ashes to each person's forehead with the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Absolution

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death and resurrection of His dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgives us all our sins. As a minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Prayer of the Day: *“Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen*

First Reading: Joel 2:12-19

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. The Lord answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.