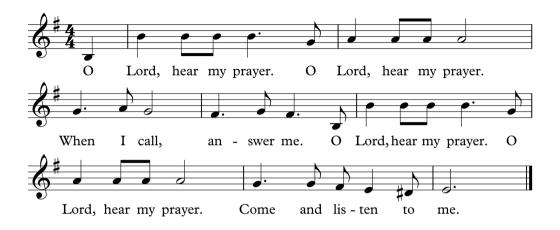


Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

PRELUDE	Arioso on 'Herzliebster Jesu'	Johann Crüger (1598-1662) (arr. D. Blackwell)
OPENING WORDS at	nd GREETING	
CALL to WORSHIP from Psalm 51	Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, accord according to your abundant mercy blot ou People: Wash me thoroughly from my inion my sin. Leader: For I know my transgressions, and People: Against you, you alone, have I sinr your sight, so that you are justified in your when you pass judgment. Leader: Hide your face from my sins, and be People: Create in me a clean heart, O God spirit within me. Leader: Do not cast me away from your pro- holy spirit from me. People: Restore to me the joy of your salva willing spirit. Leader: Let us worship God.	t my transgressions. Juity, and cleanse me from my sin is ever before me. Med, and done what is evil in r sentence and blameless blot out all my iniquities. I, and put a new and right esence, and do not take your

As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone and refrain from flash photography during the service.



PRAYER of CONFESSION adapted from a prayer by the Rev. Jenny McDevitt. Merciful God, forgive us when our actions suggest we are too casual with the gift of life and breath: when we treat our spirits as afterthoughts and our bodies as machines; when we treat the earth as if it were replaceable; when we treat our children as if they were too difficult and our elders as if they were no longer relevant; when we treat our neighbors as if they were a burden; when we treat our friends as if they had no needs of their own and our enemies as if they were evil incarnate; when we treat you as if you were little more than a cosmic custodian, called upon when we need help cleaning up a mess. Forgive us. Turn us back to you, to the gifts of creation and life abundant, to more just ways of living.

(Silent prayer)

WORDS of FORGIVENESS

HYMN 430

Remember Not, O God Soloist

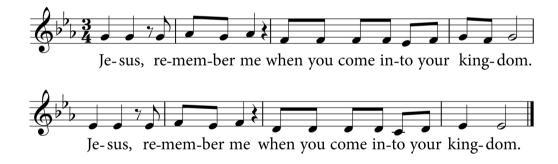
PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	pg. 943
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	pg. 5
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!	
IMPOSITION OF AS	HES You are invited to walk forward, as you are moved, and rece	ive the

imposition of ashes

HYMN 227

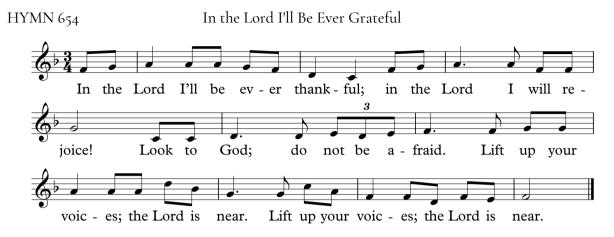
Jesus, Remember Me



INTERCESSORY	Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
PRAYERS	People: hear our prayers.

THE LORD'SOur Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdomPRAYERcome. 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.

BENEDICTION



Feel free to depart during the chanting of the final song. However, please leave quietly in order to maintain silence for those who wish to remain for further prayer and reflection. You may remain for as long as you wish.

