

—THE—
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
—CHURCH—

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

Ash Wednesday

PRELUDE

Arioso on 'Herzliebster Jesu'

Johann Crüger (1598-1662)
(arr. D. Blackwell)

OPENING WORDS *and* GREETING

CALL *to* WORSHIP
from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

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

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: 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.

Leader: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right
spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your
holy spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a
willing spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God.

◆ *You are invited to stand*

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

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.

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

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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 ASHES

*You are invited to walk forward, as you are moved, and receive the
imposition of ashes*

HYMN 227

Jesus, Remember Me



Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.



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INTERCESSORY
PRAYERS

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

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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN 654

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Grateful



The musical score is written on three staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a triplet of eighth notes in the second line.

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.

