



February 18, 2015

12:10 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Prelude

Draw Near with Faith. Malcolm Archer

Elegy. Edward Bairstow

Nearer My God to Thee. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

*Call to Worship

Minister: *What does the Lord require?*

People: We fast, but do you not see?

We humble ourselves, but do you not notice?

Minister: *Is such the fast that the Lord chooses?*

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

People: To loose the bonds of injustice,

to break every yoke,

and to let the oppressed go free,

that is the fast of God's choice.

Minister: *Then we shall call, and the Lord will answer.*

God will say, "Here I am."

*Hymn 165 "The Glory of These Forty Days"

*Stand as you are able.

Prayer of Confession and for Pardon

Psalm 51 (*read responsively*) Old Testament, page 492

Declaration of Forgiveness

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1–12 Old Testament, page 647

Second Lesson

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21 New Testament, page 5

A Meditation for Ash Wednesday Joyce Shin

Offering

Offertory Solo

“Panis Angelicus” César Franck

O wondrous, heavenly bread which feeds all of humankind.

O divine food of love, long promised by a sign.

O deepest mystery, to be one with our Lord: humble, lowly, offered freely for all.

O wondrous, heavenly bread which feeds all of humankind.

On the night in which our Savior was betrayed he said, “This is my body;

this is my blood, shed for you. All who eat and drink shall have life eternal.”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: . . . *who forever sing to the glory of your name.*

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

The Communion

Communion Solo

“He Shall Feed His Flock” from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel
*He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
and he shall gather the lambs with his arm
and carry them in his bosom
and gently lead those that are with young.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

All that is good comes from your hand, Lord.
Knowing that we came into this life with nothing
and will go out the same way,
we trust and ask you to spend us as you will.
For your Son’s sake we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 440 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Benediction

The Imposition of Ashes

Those who wish are invited to come to either the front or back of the Sanctuary to receive ashes either on the back of the hand or on the forehead.
Ashes serve as a sign of human mortality and penitence and as a reminder that only by God’s grace are we given eternal life. Ashes are imposed with the words of Genesis 3:19:

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

—Depart in silence—

*Stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders

John W. Vest, Joyce Shin

The Music Today

Beena David, soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THE SEASON OF LENT calls Christians to embrace the faith journey by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. Although often considered a time for giving up something as a way of symbolizing Jesus' sacrifice and his struggle in the wilderness, the forty days of Lent also offer an opportunity for taking up. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ's journey to the cross.

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS a variety of Lenten worship opportunities in addition to Sunday services. Lenten midweek services will be held on Wednesdays, February 25–March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A Lenten Contemplative Retreat will be held Friday–Saturday, March 27–28 at the Well in La Grange Park. Worship services in the style of Taizé will be held on Fridays, February 27 and March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter

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