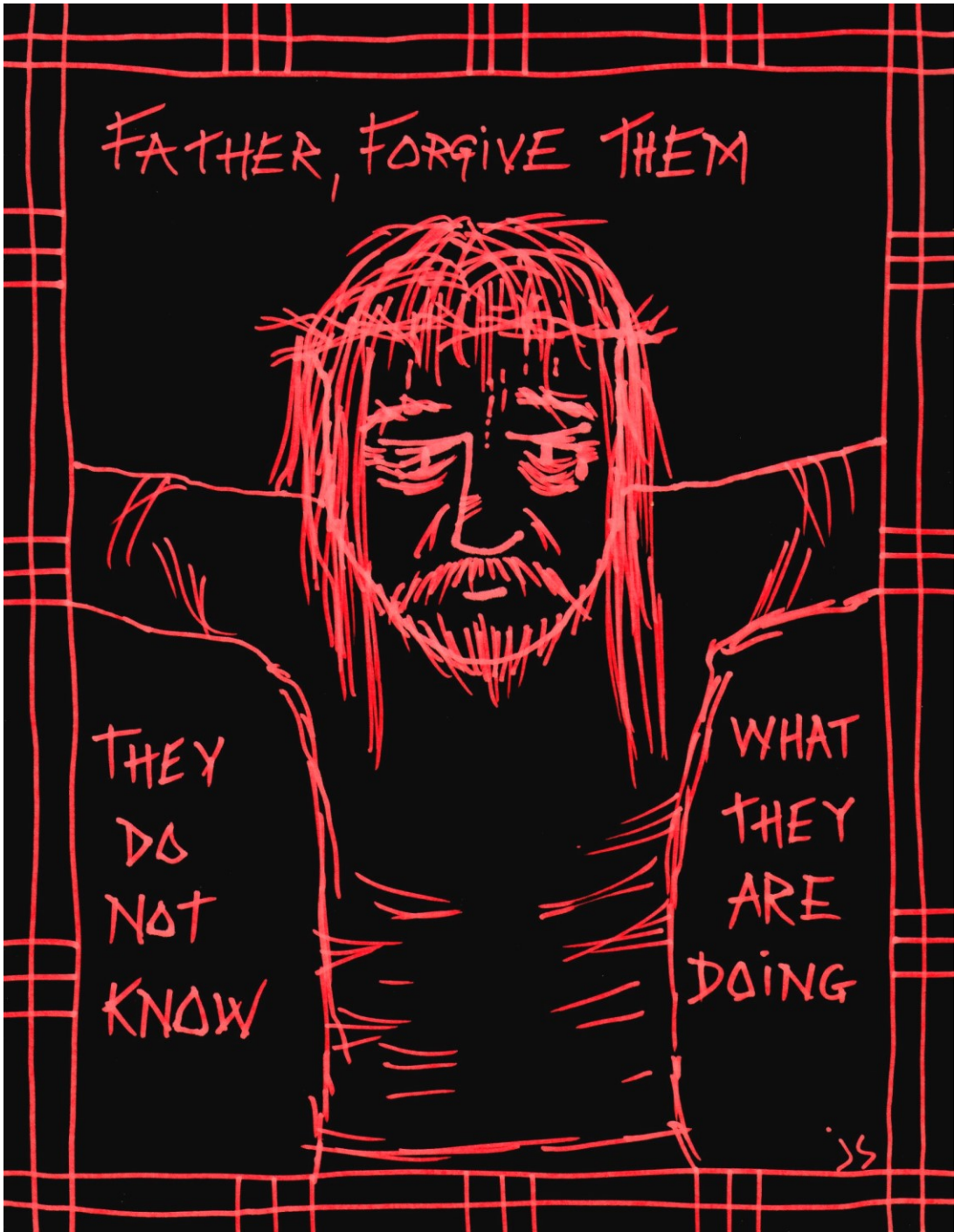


FATHER, FORGIVE THEM

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Ash Wednesday



The season of Lent in the Christian Church begins on Ash Wednesday.

The observance of Ash Wednesday became widespread throughout Christendom during the 7th Century and provides an opportunity for the worshiping community to engage in corporate penitence and confession ... to prepare for the Season of Lent ... and to look forward to the hope of Easter.

During the Ash Wednesday Service, it is traditional for ashes to be placed on the foreheads of the faithful as the worship leader intones the words from Genesis: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

In medieval times, it is recorded that a popular sign in public places read, "Remember you are dying." It was a reminder of the reality of death, but more than that, a reminder to live fully that day. So, too, is Ash Wednesday a reminder that from ashes we have come and to ashes we return. It provides an opportunity to examine the kind of life that we are leading ... what is the quality of our lives, what is the quality of our actions, our thoughts, our relationships.

Prayers of the People (Vickrey Hall)

Gracious and merciful God,
you see the secret places of our hearts,
where we mourn our sins.

As we turn again to your grace, receive our prayers.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud. . .

Silence Is Kept

Let us pray:

**Look with mercy on our contrite hearts,
wash from us the stain of iniquity,
and create a new and right spirit in us,
that we may declare your praise
and offer an acceptable sacrifice in these Lenten days;
through Christ Jesus, who bore our sins on the cross. Amen.**

O Vos Omnes (Cunningham Arcade)

(all you people that pass by the way)

O God, we pray for all who pass by, unknown to us,
but beloved by you and made in your image.

for all who have a song they cannot sing,
for all who have a burden they cannot bear,
for all who live in chains they cannot break,
for all who wander homeless and cannot return,

**O, all you who pass by,
see if there be any sorrow like Christ's sorrow.**

For those who are sick and for those who tend them,
for those who wait for loved ones and wait in vain,
for those who live in hunger
and for those who will not share their bread,

**O, all you who pass by,
see if there be any sorrow like Christ's sorrow.**

For those who are misunderstood
and for those who misunderstand,
for those who are captives and for those who are captors,
for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts
and for those who yearn to hear those words.

**O, all you who pass by,
see if there be any sorrow like Christ's sorrow.**

Have mercy upon these, O God.

Have mercy upon us all. Amen.

Our Church Family (Narthex)

We don't pretend to understand the mystery
of what goes on in God's Church

**We just know we feel a pervading spirit of love
that reaches into the niches of all of us
and pulls us out into the open,
free and alive and belonging.**

We believe this spirit of love exists because
God's spirit lives within this Church,
this unity of persons trying
to be the Good News.

**We see this Church as a circle of persons
holding hands . . . and dancing . . .
supporting each other, accepting each other,
loving each other.**

Each person in this dancing circle
is facing outward . . .

**reaching into God's world,
listening for the whimpering,
watching for the hurting,
willing to offer a cup of cold water
in Christ's name.**

Sometimes they need the water;
sometimes we need the water;
sometimes I need the water.

**Being a part of the Church
means knowing that
the cup is always filled
in Christ's name. Thanks be to God.**

Ash Wednesday

March 6, 2019

6:30 P.M.

Opening Voluntary

Maryanne Visconti Pfeffer

What Wondrous Love Is This — Paul Manz

✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

God, we have to admit that we don't like Ash Wednesday
We would rather skip the penitence and soul-searching of Lent
and skip right to the joy of Easter morning.

**The world teaches us that mistakes are awful
and should be covered up at all cost.**

**We learn to blame others instead of owning up to what we do
and the pain we inflict.**

Lord God, give us the strength in this time of Lent
to ask for forgiveness for the hurt we cause and the mistakes we make.

Remind us that the difficulties of life form and shape us.

**Teach us how to turn back to you, to love our neighbor,
and to reach out to those who suffer.**

✠ A Lenten Prayer

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Loving God, we know Jesus spent forty days in the desert preparing for
his ministry to the world. We ask that you use these forty days of Lent
to prepare us for our mission to the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

✠ Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes – BEACH SPRING

Psalm of Confession

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

O God, when we pause to look back at our lives on this Ash Wednesday, we realize
that we have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

**We have neglected to do good
when it was in our power to do so.**

We, like believers of old, have pulled down your altars and erected idols crafted in
our own image.

(continued)

**We have turned our backs on the poor,
choosing instead to criminalize poverty.**

We have ignored the cries of the motherless, the fatherless, the widow and the widower, choosing instead to turn children and the elderly into the new poor.

**We have bankrupted the country with our greed
and consumed more than our share of the world's riches.**

We have not dealt honorably with our enemies or our friends, yet we have taken a place in the company of the righteous.

**Forgive us, O God, for the times we have neglected to provide
our children and our world an authentic example of Christianity.**

As we begin the journey of these forty days,
wash us, O God, and we shall be clean.

**Cleanse us, O Lord,
and we shall be made whole. Amen.**

—based on Psalm 51

Promise for Healing and Renewal

Righteous God, in humility and repentance we bring our failures in caring, helping and loving, we bring the pain we have caused others, we bring the injustice in society of which we are a part, to the transforming power of your grace.

**Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer and to turn again
toward the sunrise of your reign, that we may walk with you in the
promise of the peace that you have willed.**

Scripture Lesson

Kelley Keith

Luke 23:26-34 (Pew Bible page 859 of the New Testament)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Choir

First Word from *The Seven Last Words of Christ* — Théodore Dubois

Blair Wooten, Rita Nsumbu, soloists

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

And the people clamor'd: He is death guilty;

take him, take him, let us crucify him!

Be his blood on us, and on our children!

Then they did crucify Jesus,

and the two thieves one at His right hand,

the other at His left hand.

“ Father, Forgive Them ”

Silence Is Kept

Ritual of Ashes

Michael Gregg

These symbols of past triumph and celebration, burnt and ground, will now smudge our flesh and bind our imaginations to God’s power to restore. Come, all who seek a mark of liberation and focus for the Lenten journey ahead.

Prayer of Blessing

Congregation

Let us pray:

We bow our heads before you, O God, aware of our sinfulness and our shortcomings. Remembering our baptism, the watermark of the cross upon us, we also receive this ashen cross upon our foreheads—another sign that in life and in death, we belong to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we pray. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Congregation

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

Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle.

You may receive the ashes on your forehead or the back of your hand.

Dust I Am — Mark A. Miller
(please sing the refrain on direction)

Congregational Refrain

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Dust I am, to dust I shall re - turn, have
mer - - - cy, O Lord. Dust I am, to
dust I shall re - turn, have mer - cy, O Lord.

†Response to Receiving the Ashes

Harry Wooten & Congregation

An ending and a beginning:
the end of our old selves,
and a new beginning in faith.

In the ashes of my old life, a new life is born.

An ending and a beginning:
the end of living in shadows,
and the beginning to living within the light.

In the ashes of my old life, a new life is born.

An ending and a beginning:
the end of a life that brings hurt,
and a beginning to a life that offers healing.

In the ashes of my old life, a new life is born.

An ending and a beginning:
the end of a journey of distraction,
and a beginning of our journey to the cross.

In the ashes of my old life, a new life is born.

An ending and a beginning:
the end of division and prejudice,
and a beginning to community and traveling together.

In the ashes of my old life, a new life is born.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ— KINGSFOLD

†Benediction

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Let us pray:

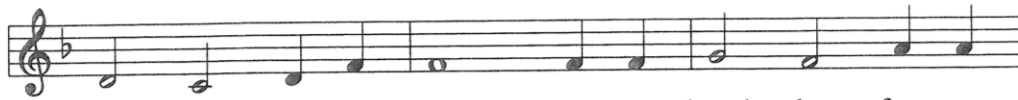
Thank you, O Savior, for the symbolic power of ashes to expose our mortality and renew our focus. Unite us with all who bear the mark of ash and all who bear the mark of mortality by their very lives. Send us forth with our symbols of new life so that we might become vessels of worship in the midst of brokenness. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes



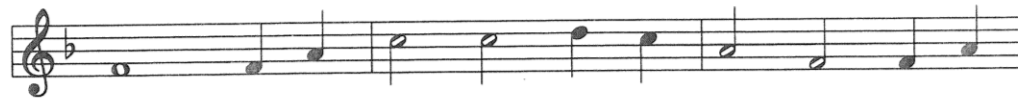
1. *Sun-day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es as an -
2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of -
3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to



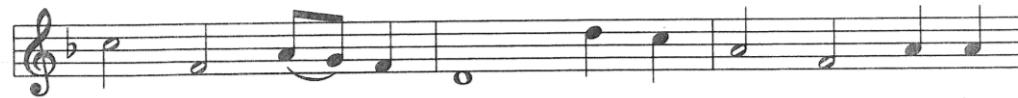
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proof of hu - man need; and our lack of un - der -



Mak - er in con - tri - tion for our
trou - bles, nor have cared just how they
stand - ing dem - on - strates our in - ner



sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal pledg - es, in re -
live, we are jeal - ous, proud, im - pa - tient, lov - ing
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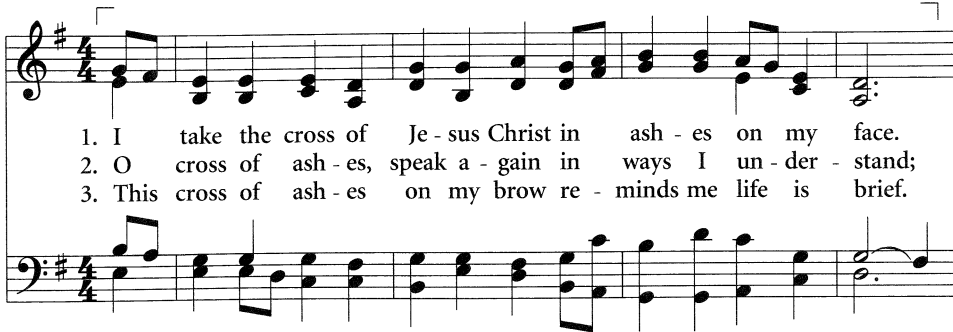


bel - lion gone a - stray; now, re - turn - ing, seek for -
o - ver - much our things; may the yield - ing of our
suf - fer - ing we've ig - nored; come and cleanse us, then re -

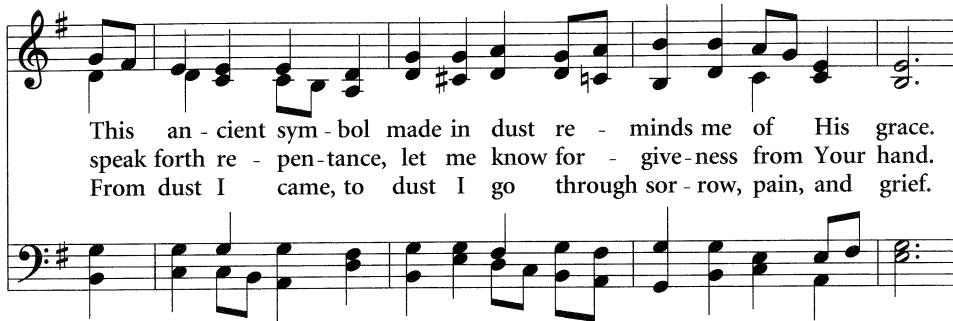


give - ness; grant us par - don, God, this day!
fail - ings be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.
store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

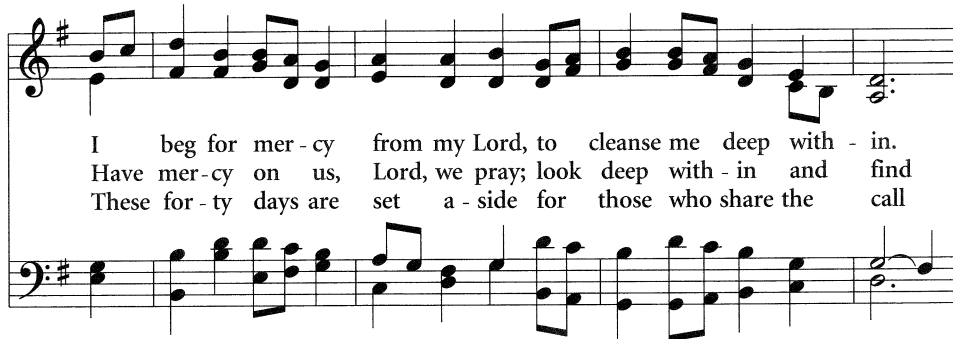
I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ



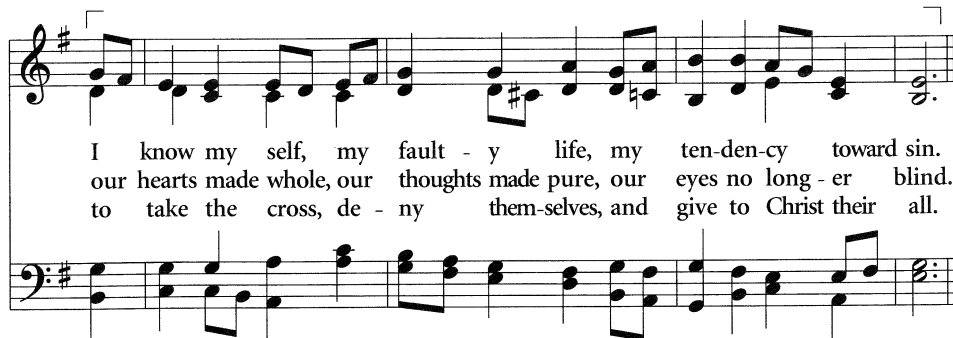
1. I take the cross of Je - sus Christ in ash - es on my face.
2. O cross of ash - es, speak a - gain in ways I un - der - stand;
3. This cross of ash - es on my brow re - minds me life is brief.



This an - cient sym - bol made in dust re - minds me of His grace.
speak forth re - pen - tance, let me know for - give - ness from Your hand.
From dust I came, to dust I go through sor - row, pain, and grief.



I beg for mer - cy from my Lord, to cleanse me deep with - in.
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray; look deep with - in and find
These for - ty days are set a - side for those who share the call



I know my self, my fault - y life, my ten - den - cy toward sin.
our hearts made whole, our thoughts made pure, our eyes no long - er blind.
to take the cross, de - ny them - selves, and give to Christ their all.

Prayer Requests:

JJ Berrier

Tina Chapman, on the death of her father, **Roy Chapman**

Ashley Fleenor's teacher's daughter, **Fiona**

Sue Ann Grass, sister of **Nancy Ferrell**

Leonard Gresham

Neva Harvey, mother of **Susie Leinneweber's** son-in-law

Phil Hudson, father of **Amanda Gregg's** best friend in Atlanta and **Tim Taylor**, **Amanda Gregg's** uncle

John Kalinowsky, former member

Rick Mathews, friend of **Danny Ray**

Ruth May

Darren Mays, on the death of his uncle, **Juan Avila**

Wayne McClellan

Forrest McKinney

Gary Raiza, son of **Maebelle Raiza**

Danny Ray

Sally Robinson, mother of **Leslie Cechan**

Daniel Solyom

Rob Stanfield, son-in-law of **Rebecca Rempert**

Dianna Stouffer, on the death of her mother, **Alice Rannells**

Sandra Tilden, daughter of **Dorothy Tilden**

Ray & Sharon Vickrey

Lindsey Washington, daughter of **Doug & Sandy Washington**

Jordan Weilage, on the death of his friend **Mansoor**

Jordan Weilage's friends & family: **Mehran, Keyvan, Shahin, Ladah & Family**

Please continue to pray for:

Jackie Arnold, sister of **Cathy Webb**; **Jerome**

Collins, friend of **Mike Hurder**; **Robbye**

Foster's brother, **Robert**; **Doug Leinneweber**;

Minnie Macias, mother of **Rodney Macias**;

William "Oz" Osborne; **Robert Putman**; **Ray**

Thompson, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Jordan**

Weilage; **Byron Willey**, cousin of **Daryl**

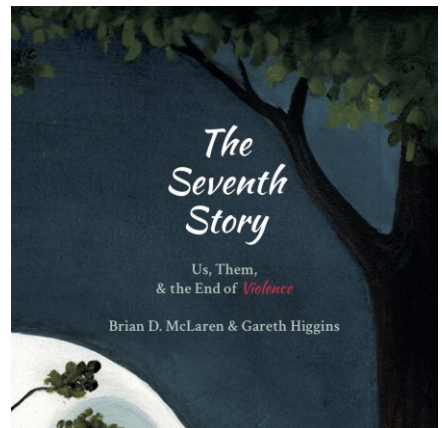
Willey; **John Wolf**, Garland Pipe Organ

And remember the homebound: **Norman Morris**; **Betty Renfroe**; **Libba Studdard**; **James C. Walker**

Join bestselling author Brian McLaren and Irish storyteller Gareth Higgins for a seven-week journey into creativity, community, and the common good. It's free, it starts on March 5th, and all you need to do is sign up.

A Lenten Journey

www.theseventhstory.com/a-lenten-journey



Schedule for the Week

Wednesday

7:15 pm

March 6 – Ash Wednesday – Mosaic

Adult Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Thursday

March 7

Faith in Texas 2019 Lobby Day — Austin, Texas

Sunday

March 10 – First Sunday in Lent / Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:30 am

Deacons Meeting — Portable 1

9:30 am

Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery

9:45 am

OWL –Our Whole Lives, March Study for Adults — Vickrey Hall

9:45 am

Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1

10:55 am

Morning Worship — Sanctuary

12:15 pm

Second Sunday Youth Lunch — (Meet in Library following Worship)

12:15 pm

20/30 Ministry – Shake Shack, 6025 Royal Lane, 75230

Tuesday

March 12

8:30 pm

Tech Committee — Conference Call

Wednesday

March 13

3:30 pm

Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202

5:30 pm

Publicity/Outreach — Room 206

5:30 pm

Family Supper — Vickrey Hall

Pot Roast, Salad, Rolls, Variety of Cookies

6:00 pm

Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement

6:15 pm

Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building

6:15 pm

Midweek Service – IN FOCUS: Women's History Month — Vickrey Hall

The Legacy of Baptist Women in Ministry

7:15 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

The deadline for the order of service the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Tuesday, 5:00 pm prior to publication.

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The Scripture this evening is Luke 23:26-34, which may be found on page 859 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... **Thanks be to God.**