## **Ash Wednesday Service**

The service begins in silence at the ringing of the bell. We then go directly to the service of Corporate Confession and Absolution in the hymnal. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a season in which we focus on how our sins sent Jesus to the cross, and His death on the cross is forgiveness for those sins. Absolution is the most important factor in this service. As such, we have opportunity to come to the altar to have that forgiveness personally applied after we confess our sins.

Corporate Confession and Absolution pp. 290-291

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... (collect for Ash Wednesday) ...

C: Amen

Old Testament: Joel 2:12-19

Psalm 51:1-13, antiphon v. 17

spoken responsively by whole verse, concludes with Gloria Patri. The "antiphon" is the verse that is spoken at both the beginning and after the Gloria Patri.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

Hymn of Day: "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" .............607 (Solo – verse 2 and 4) Congregation sing odd verses.

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Nicene Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)

Sermon

Prayer of the Church p. 215 f.

Offering

Service of the Sacrament p. 216 f.

Sanctus Hymn: "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old"......960 (Sanctus hymn is written by Martin Luther. This hymn will be sung as a solo, and the congregation is invited to join into the call of the angels "Holy is the God the Lord of Sabaoth... His glory fills the heavens and the earth!".)

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"......434

(be seated)

Hymn during Distribution,
"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"......636

Benedicamus and Benediction p. 218

## Let Us Pray...

....for homebound members: Karen Bryan and Arnita Zimmerman

....for Shirley Sprau during her hospitalization

....for Jill Hardesty's speedy recovery after her knee replacement

....for John Homann who is suffering with cancer

....for Debbie Lammle as she manages her pain

....for Karla Ruch as she receives treatments for cancer

....for Jayden Upton as he recovers after surgeries from an accident

....for the residents of Ohio who have been effected by the contaminated water supply after a train derailment

## **Those Assisting Us Tonight**

Organist: Alicia Haggin Elder: Don Warsaw Altar Guild: Susan Martin

Sue Van Wakeman

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