

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018 12:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 3525 Bee Caves Road, ATX 78746

Prelude (7:00 p.m.)

“Prelude in A Minor”

Bach

Call to Worship

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Welcome

***Song**

#325

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

***Litany of Honesty**

Pastor: Most Holy and merciful Father,

People: **We confess to you, and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Pastor: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Pastor: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Pastor: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness—the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

People: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Pastor: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitations of other people,

People: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Pastor: Our anger at our own frustrations, and our envy of those more fortunate,

People: **We confess to you, Lord.**

Pastor: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Accept our repentance, Lord for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Pastor: For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Pastor: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Pastor: Restore us, Good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

People: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.

***Song of Response**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Cre - ate in me ___ a clean heart, oh God, ___ that I might serve ___
You; ___ Cre - ate in me ___ a clean heart, oh God, ___ that I might be re -
-newed. So fill ___ me and heal ___ me, and bring me ___ back to ___
You. ___ Cre - ate in me ___ a clean
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Imposition of Ashes

*Those who desire to receive ashes should come forward to the stations.
The pastors will apply ashes to the forehead of each person and speak the words:
“Receive these ashes as a sign of your repentance
and of God’s forgiveness through Jesus Christ!”*

Prayer

Psalm 51:1-15 (The Message)

Generous in love—God, give grace! Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.
Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry.
I know how bad I’ve been; my sins are staring me down.
You’re the One I’ve violated, and you’ve seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil.
You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair.
I’ve been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born.
What you’re after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.
Soak me in your laundry and I’ll come out clean, scrub me and I’ll have a snow-white life.
Tune me in to foot-tapping songs, set these once-broken bones to dancing.
Don’t look too close for blemishes, give me a clean bill of health.
God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.
Don’t throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in me.
Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails!
Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home.
Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God, and I’ll sing anthems to your
life-giving ways.
Unbutton my lips, dear God; I’ll let loose with your praise.

***Song of Response #612** vss 1 & 4

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

***Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21** (NRSV)

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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***Message Response**

“Amazing Love”



1 My Lord, what love is this that pays so
2 And so they watched him die, de - spised, re -
3 And now this love of Christ shall flow like



dear - ly, that I, the guilt - y one, may go free?
ject - ed; but, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me.
riv - ers; come, wash your guilt a - way, live a - gain.

Refrain



A - maz - ing love, oh, what sac - ri - fice, the Son of God giv'n for



me; my debt he pays and my death he dies, that



I might live, that I might live.

***Prayers of the Community**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Offering Music (7:00 p.m.)

“Wondrous Love”

Arr. Parker/Shaw

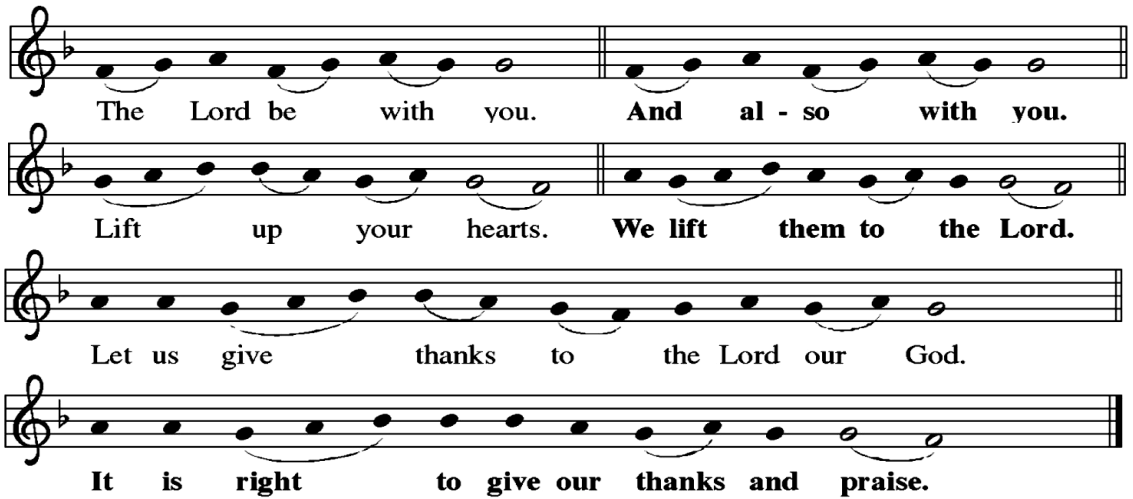
Senior Choir

***Offering Response #188**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Offering Prayer

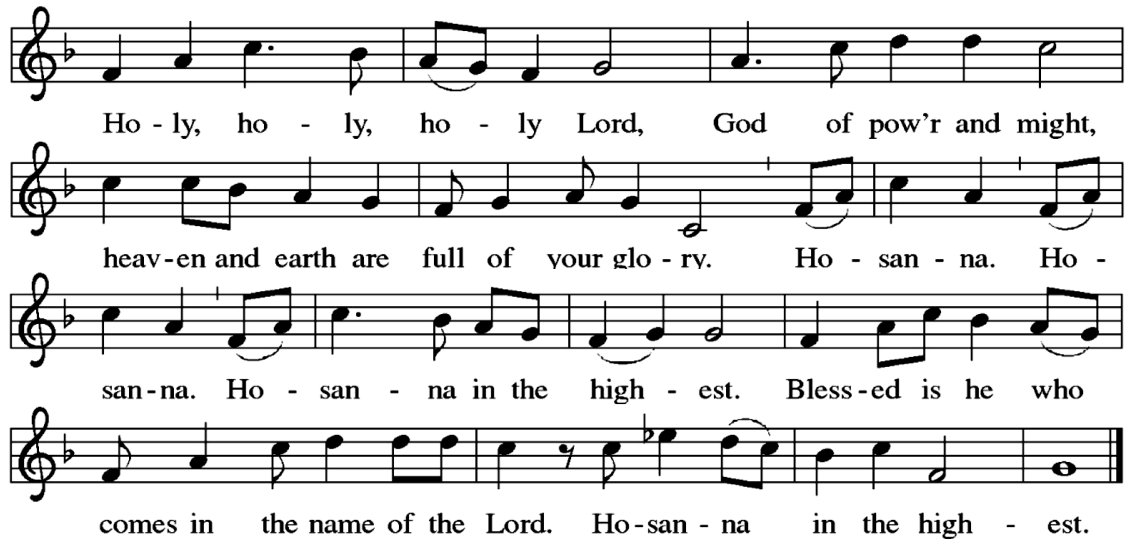
*Great Thanksgiving (7:00 p.m.)



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Salutation (7:00 p.m.)

*Holy, Holy, Holy (7:00 p.m.)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***Words of Institution (12:00 & 7:00 p.m.)**

***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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to the Lord's Table. God is really present - in bread and wine - forgiving sins and promising new life. In the distribution, individual cups have been pre-filled with wine or white grape juice (in the center of the trays).

Communion Music (7:00 p.m.)

"As The Deer"

arr. Patricia Sanders Cota Senior Bells

Communion Song #496

"One Bread, One Body"

***Communion Blessing**

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn #660 vss 1-3**

"Lift High the Cross"

***Sending Words**

Pastor: Marked once again with the cross of Christ, forgiven and renewed, let us go in peace to walk with Jesus and to faithfully serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude (7:00 p.m.)

"Prelude in C" J. S. Bach