

Ash Wednesday Service -- February 14, 2024
Messiah- is Life-- the Son of God
“Corporate Confession and Absolution” p. 290

Opening Prayer

Ashes Applied to each individual

Opening Hymn: *“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”* 606

Liturgy begins on page 290:

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: *“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”* 610

Lessons:

O. T. Lesson: *Psalm 23*

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.
He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Romans 8: 3-4

For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending His Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

Duet: *Lenten Meditation*

Gospel Lesson: *John 1: 14*

The Word became Flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only (Son), who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed (back of Hymnal)*

Hymn: *“Savior, When in Dust to Thee” 419 (tune 892)*

Sermon - John 1:1-2 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning!*

John 14:6 *Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me.*

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Blessing of Elements

Distribution

Distribution Hymns: *613, 616*

Closing Prayer: - *God of Glory, You are the only true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You have provided the only means of salvation, which has come through Your Son Jesus Christ on the Cross. Your Son is the only source of all life for all mankind and He alone enables us to remain in faith and under Your care. Guide us Lord to care for others, offer Your kindness, share Your blessings, and bring Your tenderness to them. We humbly ask Your goodness be given to many through all You enable us to do. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Benediction

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