

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

On the day the LORD God made earth and sky . . . the LORD God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life. . . .

Prelude

The Spirit prepares us to enter the story

The LORD God planted a garden

We begin at the beginning

Genesis 2:4b-9

God, who stretched the spangled heavens

We sing praises

Hymn 24

Then they both saw clearly

We confess our sin

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Lord, have mercy

We ask God's forgiveness

Hymn 577

Sign us with ashes

An invitation to the Lenten discipline

Hymn 433 (verses 1 and 6 with refrain)

Wash me completely clean

We receive the imposition of ashes

Psalms 51

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

We sing a prayer of trust

Hymn 801

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness

And we follow

Matthew 4:1-11

What wondrous love is this!

We stand in awe

Hymn 215

Postlude

We leave the sanctuary to enter the season of Lent

Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me! Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your holy spirit away from me. . . .