



# CHRIST *the* REDEEMER

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ASH WEDNESDAY

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Call to Repentance

Isaiah 58.1-12

## Opening Prayer

## Scripture Readings

*Old Testament*

Joel 2:1-17

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregants: Thanks be to God!***

*Epistle*

2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregants: Thanks be to God!***

*Gospel*

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregants: Thanks be to God!***

## Song of Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart

And renew a steadfast spirit in me

Create in me a clean heart

And renew a steadfast spirit in me

Cast me not from Your presence

Or take Your Holy Spirit from me

Restore to me the joy of salvation

And give me a willing spirit

Give me a willing spirit

Give me a willing spirit O God

# Invitation & Challenge

Matt Wireman

## Time of Silent Confession

*{If able, please kneel during this time.}*

### Psalm 51

Leader:

- 1 *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.*
- 2 *Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.*
- 3 *For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.*
- 4 *Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.*
- 5 *And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment*
- 6 *Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.*
- 7 *For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.*
- 8 *Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.*
- 9 *Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.*
- 10 *Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.*
- 11 *Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*
- 12 *Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.*
- 13 *Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.*
- 14 *I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
and sinners shall return to you.*

- 15 *Deliver me from death, O God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.*
- 16 *Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.*
- 17 *Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice;  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.*
- 18 *The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

### **Imposition of Ashes**

*{Please come forward to have the sign of the cross imposed on your  
forehand as a sign of repentance and our mortality.}*

### **Song of Contrition**

*"Have Mercy On Me"*

I am a sinner You're blameless Lord  
My sins against You can't be ignored  
They will be punished I know they must  
Your law demands it for You are just

If You would count  
Everything that I've done wrong  
Who could stand  
But there's forgiveness with You God

Have mercy on me have mercy on me  
A broken and contrite heart  
You won't turn away  
Have mercy on me have mercy on me  
Because of Your steadfast love

Father of mercy You gave Your Son  
To make atonement for wrongs I have done  
What You required Jesus fulfilled  
I don't deserve it and I never will

### **Litany of Penitence**

*The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling pray the following:*

#### **Congregation:**

***Most holy and merciful Father:***

***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.***

Leader:

*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.*

**Congregation:**

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

Leader:

*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.*

**Congregation:**

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

Leader:

*We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,*

**Congregation:**

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

Leader:

*Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,*

**Congregation:**

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

Leader:

*Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,*

**Congregation:**

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

Leader:

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

**Congregation:**

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

Leader:

*Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,*

**Congregation:**

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

Leader:

*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,*

**Congregation:**

***Accept our repentance, Lord.***

Leader:

*For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,*

**Congregation:**

***Accept our repentance, Lord.***

Leader:

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

**Congregation:**

***Accept our repentance, Lord.***

Leader:

*Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;*

**Congregation:**

***Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.***

*Leader:*

*Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,*

**Congregation:**

***That we may show forth your glory in the world.***

*Leader:*

*By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,*

**Congregation:**

***Bring us, with all your saints, to the joy of his resurrection.***

**Pastoral Prayer for the People**

**Song of Response, "I Need Thee Every Hour"**

I need Thee every hour  
Most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford

Chorus

I need Thee O I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now my Savior  
I come to Thee

I need Thee every hour  
Stay Thou nearby

Temptations lose their pow'r  
When Thou art nigh

I need Thee every hour  
In joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide  
Or life is vain

I need Thee every hour  
Most Holy One  
O make me Thine indeed  
Thou blessed Son

**Dismissal**

*{Please dismiss in silence, reflecting on our need for forgiveness.}*



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