

*Ash Wednesday*  
February 18, 2026

\*Processional Hymn 108

***Of the Father's Love Begotten***

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

\*Entering God's Presence

*Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:17)*

***People: God's love endures forever.***

*Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. (Psalm 46:1-3)*

***People: God's love endures forever.*** (Congregation seated.)

***In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*** (No. 654)

Taizé

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

Prayer of Lenten Preparation (unison)

***Gracious God, out of your love and mercy, you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness, and strengthen us to face our own mortality; that with confidence we may reach for your mercy; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

***Bless the Lord, My Soul*** (No. 544)

Taizé

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

Responsive Reading of Psalm 51

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***O Lord, Hear My Prayer*** (No. 471)

Taizé

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.  
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

Litany of Penitence (please see insert)

***Sign Us with Ashes*** (Hymn 433)

PHOENIX

*Sign us with ashes, merciful God, children of dust, as to dust we return.  
Sign us with ashes, merciful God. Mark us and make us your own.*

Imposition of Ashes

***Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of our own mortality and penitence, so that we may remember it is only by your grace that we are given everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

(You are invited to make the mark of the cross on your forehead for the **Imposition of Ashes.**)

*“Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return.”*

Meditation

**Jesus, Remember Me** (No. 227)

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.*

Taizé

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*.)

Blessing

Hymn 676

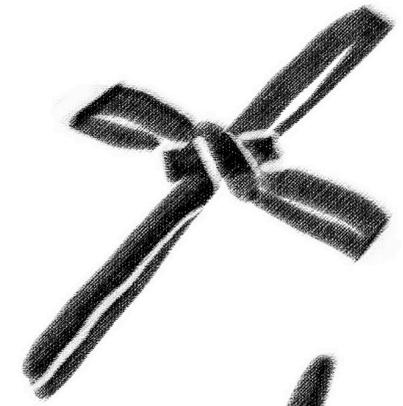
***Day Is Done***

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***Please depart the sanctuary in silence.***

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