



# Ash Wednesday

Return to the  
LORD your God, for he is  
gracious and compassionate.

JOEL 2:13 (NIV)

*Ash Wednesday* | February 18, 2026

†*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

† **Call to Worship**

—Psalm 51:1-3, 8-12

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**People: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Minister: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Minister: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Minister: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

† **Opening Prayer**

Minister: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

† **Hymn**      #78 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 58:1-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm Reading**

Psalm 51:1-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.****Gospel Reading**

Luke 9:57-62

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.****Homily**

Rev. Se Hyuk Park

**Imposition of Ashes**

Minister: We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes.

This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, calls us to heartfelt repentance, and urges us to place our hope in God alone.

**All: Almighty God, you created us from the dust of the earth, and it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**† Hymn**

#85 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

**Call to Confession**

Our congregation invites you to observe this season of Lent through self-examination and penitence, prayer and fasting, reading and meditating on the Word of God, and works of love and witness.

Let us bow before God, our Creator and Redeemer, and confess our sin.

## **Prayer of Confession**

—from Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

**All:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.  
Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

—based on Isaiah 40:11; 53:4-5

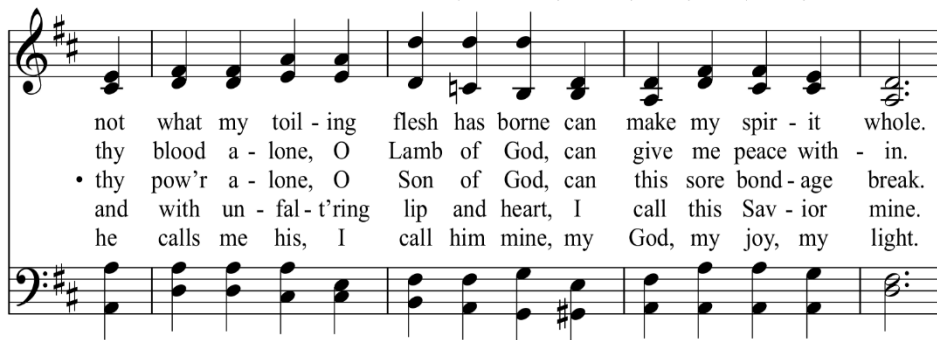
Minister: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. He will feed his flock like a shepherd and gather the lambs in his arms.

**† Song of Comfort**    “Not What My Hands Have Done”

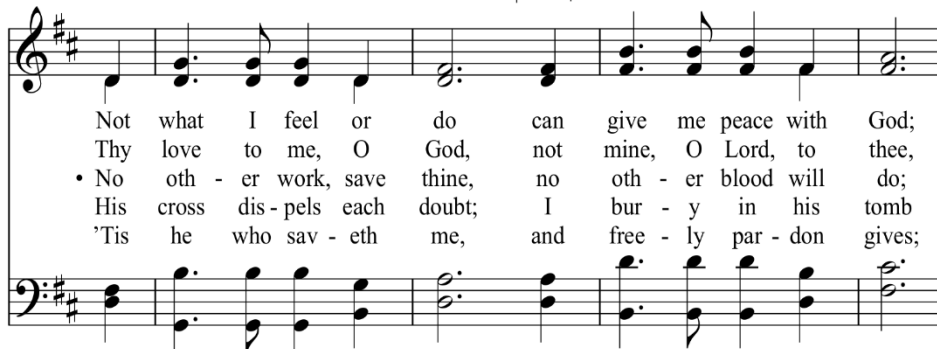
# NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE



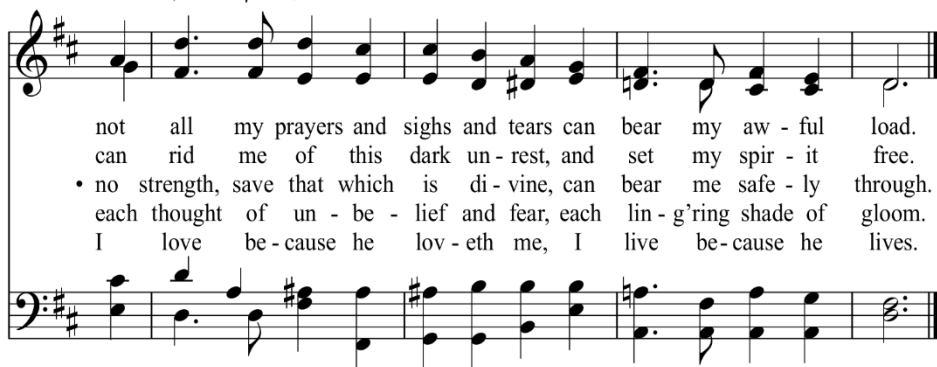
1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;  
 2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
 3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;  
 4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;  
 5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;



not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.  
 thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.  
 • thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.  
 and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.  
 he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.



Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
 Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
 • No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;  
 His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb  
 'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;



not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.  
 can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.  
 • no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.  
 each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.  
 I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

## **Benediction**



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