

Ash Wednesday

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Welcome to our Ash Wednesday worship service with Holy Communion, the Imposition of Ashes, scripture, music and Pastor James M. Capers' message "Forty Days of Transformation." This is online ONLY with the premiere on YouTube at 7:30 pm EST on March 2, 2022.

Please prepare the ash you picked up or requested by adding cooking oil to the ash. See the instructions on the packet. Also, please have the bread and fruit-of-the-vine ready to eat and drink during the Holy Communion.

Pastor Capers invites you to find time for Bible study and Sunday worship. We offer a Saturday morning class using Zoom. Please email the office at the address below to request the login information. Our worship is available for in-person attendance, listening on our campus on the radio, or watching our YouTube channel: Salem Shalom Indianapolis Volunteer opportunities are available at Salem / Shalom. Some positions that need assistance include usher, property maintenance team, and people to organize and help with our clothing bank.

Whether you are a first visitor to our service, or watch us weekly - we welcome your feedback and comments: <mailto:office@salemELCA.com>

P Pastor

C Cantor

A Worship Assistant

L Lector

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GATHERING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All Amen.

GREETING

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

L The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51

C Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Refrain:

All **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

C ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹ steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹ my offenses.
²Wash me through and through ¹ from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹ from my sin.
³For I know ¹ my offenses,
and my sin is ev- ¹ er before me.
⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹ in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right ¹ in your judgment.

All **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

C ⁵Indeed, I was born ¹ steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my ¹ mother's womb.
⁶Indeed, you delight in truth ¹ deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom ¹ deep within.
⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹ shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- ¹ er than snow.
⁸Let me hear ¹ joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken ¹ may rejoice.

All **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

C ⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.
¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.
¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

All Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C ¹³Let me teach your ways | to offenders,
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.
¹⁴Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.
¹⁵O Lord, o- | pen my lips,
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.
¹⁶For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.
¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

All Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

L The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 173

**All Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and
merciful. Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;
and abounding in steadfast love.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

HOMILY “Forty Days of Transformation”

Pastor James M. Capers

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most holy and merciful God,

**All we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

(Other petitions are offered.)

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.



IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(Please repeat the following words as you mark the sign of the cross with ashes on the forehead of you or another):

“Behold you are (I am) dust and to dust you (I) shall return”

(Gen. 3:19b)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

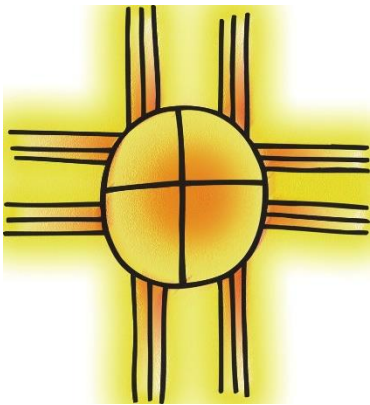
P Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Responses after each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
All receive our prayer.

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

All Amen.



MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.
God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses.

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation.

**But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Merciful God accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;

be of good courage;

hold fast to that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;

help the afflicted; honor all people;

love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

SONG

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me **ELW 325**

LeeAra Watson and Pastor Capers

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ASH WEDNESDAY

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