



# The Worship of God

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

**Gathering Music** 

Prelude "Wandering Hearts"

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Welcome Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Opening Meditation** 

**Opening Hymn** 

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious love.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

**Scripture Reading** 

Psalm 51:1-17

Christian McIvor

**Homily** 

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## **Imposition of Ashes**

April Alston and Anna Beth Cross

### **Prayers of the People**

April Alston

## **Closing Hymn**

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

### **Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Postlude** 

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Christian McIvor

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# **Tune My Heart**

Tune my heart. Like an old violin, like a worn down piano, I have been left out in all manners of weather; I have been left alone for far too long. So like a concertmaster with a steady hand, tune me up. Listen and learn the cracked keys, the broken strings. Memorize the forgotten intervals that even I did not know. And then, when we're ready, When this creaky heart is tuned, teach me a new song. — Rev. Sarah Speed

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where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people.

Based on I Peter 2:5, 6





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