

KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18, 2026 12:00 & 7:00 PM



~The Assembly gathers in Silence~

Before the service, you are invited to light a candle and say a prayer.

PRELUDE

Welcome/Bonjour Bienvenue

Welcome Info

-Remind online congregation members to gather items for worship

- candle, -celebratory (communion) food (cracker, bread, juice, water, whatever you have) - bulletin from our website: koglutheran.org

-Let us know you worshipped with us! Leave a comment on our social media, or email our church office at kglory@koglutheran.org

Please find the Red folder in your pews, write your name and pass it down the row. If you are a visitor please indicate that on the form and for those who would like more information please let us know on the form.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Call to Awareness

Leader: Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

People: Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth; the cutting of a new covenant.

Leader: Lent calls us to live as children of God. We are to be kind, compassionate, and loving to all of God's creation and create a world where all people are equal.

People: We are to love our neighbors.

Leader: Lent calls us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the New Earth.

People: Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight.

(Flames of the Spirit pg. 29)

Gathering Hymn Return to the Lord †

During this hymn you are invited forward to light a candle

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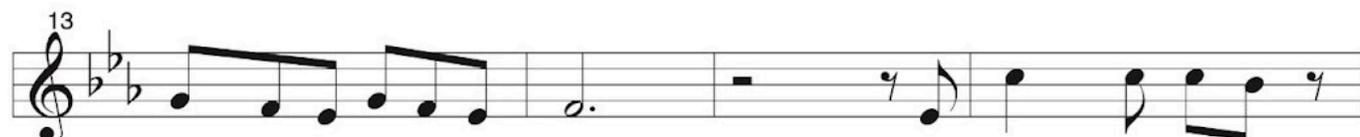

 Re - turn, Re - turn, Re-turn to the Lord— your

5


 God! Re-turn, Re - turn, Re-turn to the Lord—your

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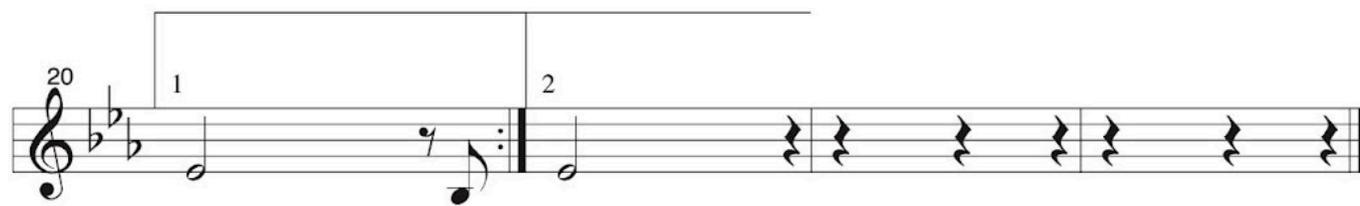

 God! For God is gracious! God is mer-ci-ful! Slow to an-ger, a -

13


 bound-ing in stead - fast love. For God is gracious!

17


 God is mer-ci-ful! Slow to an-ger, a - bound-ing in stead - fast

20


 love. Re - love.

Confession & Forgiveness:

Leader: Most Merciful God,

We confess that left to our own devices we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, By what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways Amen.

Pastor: I declare to each of you, that through the mercy and love of our Creator, and because of the actions of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven in the name of our Triune God.

AMEN

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

L: Let us pray together:

Holy and gracious God, on this night we come just as we are—marked by dust, shaped by love, carrying regrets we'd rather hide and hopes we're not sure how to name. You invite us not to pretend, not to perform, but to return to you with honest hearts. Create in us something new, repair what is worn down, and teach us again how to live with humility, courage, and compassion. Walk with us through this season of repentance, so that our lives—not just our words—might reflect your mercy and grace.

AMEN *(Dawn Lewis)*

Imposition of Ashes

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Ashes †

Steve Eulberg



1 Ash - es, ash - es, Dust to dust Moths de - vo - ur,

7 trea - sures rust. Ash - es, ash - es, Dust to dust

12 dust All things per - ish, Whom shall we trust? 1.
2. The
3.

17 Nak - ed came I from the womb
Full are emp - tied, hol - lowed to the core
Where is the trea - sure of your life?

21 I shall re - turn the same. God it
To make room for more. Those who were
That is where your heart will roam. Soft - ly and

26 is who gives to me, God it is who
Emp - ty now ov - er - flow, God lifts up the
Ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing Earn - est - ly beck - on - ing,

31 takes a way Bless - ed be God's name!
low - est of the low, Bless God for - ev - er - more!
call - ing you & me: "Re - pent, turn a - round, come home."

D.C. al Fine

Isaiah 58:1-12 (CEV)

Shout the message! Don't hold back.

Say to my people Israel: You've sinned! You've turned against Adonai.

Day after day, you worship God and seem eager to learn God's teachings.

You act like a nation that wants to do right by obeying God's laws.

You ask God about justice, and say you enjoy worshiping Adonai.

You wonder why God pays no attention when you go without eating and act humble.

But on those same days that you give up eating, you think only of yourselves and abuse your workers. You even get angry and ready to fight.

No wonder God won't listen to your prayers!

Do you think the Adonai wants you to give up eating and to act as humble as a bent-over bush? Or to dress in sackcloth and sit in ashes?

Is this really what God wants on a day of worship?

I'll tell you what it really means to worship God.

Remove the chains of prisoners who are bound unjustly. Free those who are abused! Share your food with everyone who is hungry; share your home with the poor and homeless.

Give clothes to those in need; don't turn away your relatives.

Then your light will shine like the dawning sun, and you will quickly be healed.

Your honesty will protect you as you advance, and the glory of the Adonai will defend you from behind.

When you beg the Holy One for help, God will answer, "Here I am!"

Don't mistreat others or falsely accuse them or say something cruel.

Give your food to the hungry and care for the homeless.

Then your light will shine in the dark; your darkest hour will be like the noonday sun.

God will always guide you and provide good things to eat when you are in the desert.

God will make you healthy. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water or like a stream that never runs dry.

You will rebuild those houses left in ruins for years;

you will be known as a builder and repairer of city walls and streets.

*(*** Adonai is the name of God that comes from "YHWH")*

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 51:1-17

L: You are kind, God! Please have pity on me.

C: You are always merciful! Please wipe away my mistakes.

L: Wash me clean from all of my mistakes and guilt.

C: I know about my mistakes, and I cannot forget the burden of my guilt.

L: You are really the one who knows all that I have done;

C: I have disobeyed you and have done wrong.

L: So it is right and fair for you to correct and punish me.

C: I have sinned and done wrong since the day I was born.

L: But you want complete honesty, so teach me true wisdom.

C: Wash me with hyssop until I am clean and whiter than snow.

L: Let me be happy and joyful! You crushed my bones, now let them celebrate.

C: Turn your eyes from my mistakes and cover my guilt.

L: Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again.

C: Don't chase me away from you or take your Holy Spirit away from me.

L: Make me as happy as you did when you saved me; make me want to obey!

C: I will teach sinners your Law, and they will return to you.

L: Keep me from any deadly sin. Only you can save me!

Then I will shout and sing about your power to save.

C: Help me to speak, and I will praise you, Lord.

L: Offerings and sacrifices are not what you want.

C: The way to please you is to be truly sorry deep in our hearts.

This is the kind of sacrifice you won't refuse.

2 Cor 5:20b-6:10 (CEV)

We were sent to speak for Christ, and God is begging you to listen to our message. We speak for Christ and sincerely ask you to make peace with God. Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner, so Christ could make us acceptable to God. We work together with God, and we beg you to make good use of God's gift of undeserved grace. In the Scriptures God says,

“When the time came, I listened to you,
and when you needed help, I came to save you.”

That time has come. This is the day for you to be saved.

We don't want anyone to find fault with our work, and so we try hard not to cause problems. But in everything and in every way we show we truly are God's servants. We have always been patient, though we have had a lot of trouble, suffering, and hard times. We have been beaten, put in jail, and hurt in riots. We have worked hard and have gone without sleep or food. But we have kept ourselves pure and have been understanding, patient, and kind. The Holy Spirit has been with us, and our love has been real. We have spoken the truth, and God's power has worked in us. In all our struggles we have said and done only what is right. Whether we were honored or dishonored or praised or cursed, we always told the truth about ourselves. But some people said we did not. We are unknown to others, but well known to you. We seem to be dying, and yet we are still alive. We have been punished, but never killed, and we are always happy, even in times of suffering. Although we are poor, we have made many people rich. And though we own nothing, everything is ours.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

Remember That You Are Dust ACS #919

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with a first ending marked '1*' and a second ending marked '2'. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber that you are dust, and to' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'dust you shall re - turn.' The music ends with a double bar line.

* *May be sung in canon*

Matthew 6:1-6, 12-21 (CEV)

When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Creator in heaven. When you give to the poor, don't blow a loud horn. That's what show-offs do in the synagogues and on the street corners, because they are always looking for praise. I can assure you that they already have their reward.

When you give to the poor, don't let anyone know about it. Then your gift will be given in secret. God knows what is done in secret and will reward you.

When you pray, don't be like those show-offs who love to stand up and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners. They do this just to look good. I can assure you that they already have their reward.

When you pray, go into a room alone and close the door. Pray to God in private. God knows what is done in private and will reward you.

Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others.

Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.

If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, God in heaven will forgive you. But if you don't forgive others, God will not forgive your mistakes.

When you go without eating, don't try to look gloomy as those show-offs do when they go without eating. I can assure you that they already have their reward.

Instead, comb your hair and wash your face. Then others won't know you are going without eating. But God sees what is done in private, and God will reward you.

Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is.

L: This is the Holy Gospel

C: Praise to you, Christ

Homily

Hymn of the Day **When in Dust to You** **ELW #601**

Please help us reduce waste and cost by finding this hymn in the red hymnal or the screens.



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom - age due;
 2 By your help - less in - fant years, by your life of want and tears,
 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, by your ag - o - ny of prayer,
 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul - chral stone,



when, re - pen - tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes;
 by your days of deep dis - tress in the sav - age wil - der - ness,
 by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,
 by the vault whose dark a - bode held in vain the ris - ing God,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf - fered once for us be - low,
 by the dread, mys - te - rious hour of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,
 by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,
 oh, from earth to heav'n re - stored, might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,



bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 turn, oh, turn a fa - v'ring eye; hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 lis - ten to our hum - ble sigh; hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

Prayers of Intercession

Let us Pray,

*Congregation respond to “Return to the Lord, Your God” with “**He is gracious and merciful**”*

God of mercy and renewal, we bring before you the prayers of our hearts, trusting that you meet us with compassion, not judgment.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church in every place. Strip away what distracts us from love, and draw us back to what matters most: justice, humility, and faithfulness to your gospel.

Return to the Lord your God,

He is gracious and merciful

We pray for the world you love. Where there is violence, bring restraint. Where there is fear, bring courage. Where leaders are tempted by power or pride, call them back to responsibility and care for the common good.

Return to the Lord your God,

He is gracious and merciful

We pray for all who are burdened—by illness, grief, loneliness, shame, or exhaustion. Create clean hearts where hope feels lost, and remind those who feel forgotten that they are deeply known and dearly loved.

Return to the Lord your God,

He is gracious and merciful

We pray for those who carry guilt or regret, and for those who struggle to forgive themselves or others. Reconcile what is broken within us and between us, and teach us how to live as ambassadors of your grace.

Return to the Lord your God,

He is gracious and merciful

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We pray for ourselves as we begin this Lenten journey. Give us courage to face the truth about our lives, grace to let go of what harms us or others, and patience to grow into the people you are calling us to be

Return to the Lord your God,

He is gracious and merciful

We trust all these prayers to you, knowing that you are already at work, bringing life out of dust and hope out of ashes.

AMEN *(Dawn Lewis)*

Offering

Offering Prayer

God of generosity, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust and gratitude. Use them—and use us—to bring healing, justice, and mercy into a world that longs for renewal

Amen. *(Dawn Lewis)*

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

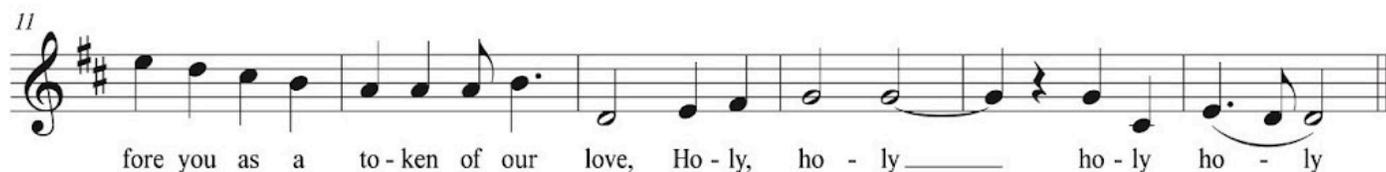
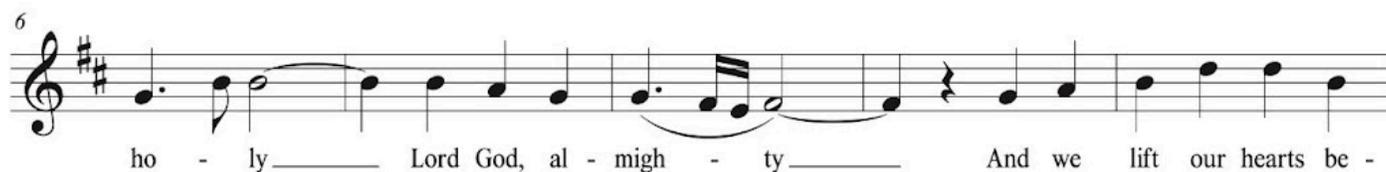
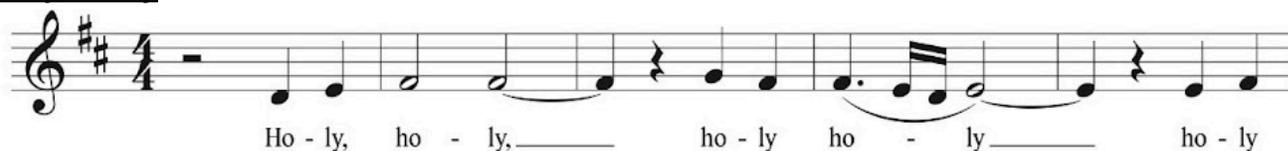
(Catholic Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire)

God, because you love us, you gave us this great and beautiful world. Because you have great love for us, you sent us your son, Jesus. Because Jesus came to live among us we can see that he was sent to be the friend of children and adults, and of the poor and wealthy alike. Jesus came to show us how we can love you, O God, by loving each other.

In the night that Jesus was turned in to the authorities, Jesus was at supper with his disciples. Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Eat this bread and remember me." When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine, he gave thanks, gave it to his friends, and said: "Drink of this and remember me."

Each time that we eat of this meal, we remember the love, compassion, forgiveness and healing that you give us Jesus. **AMEN**

Holy, Holy, Holy †



LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom and the power and the
glory are yours,
now and forever.

AMEN

Notre Pere

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,
Que ton règne vienne,
Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre
comme au ciel.

Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de
ce jour.

Pardonne-nous nos offenses
Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux
qui nous ont offensés.

Et ne nous laisses pas entrer en
tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.

Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,
la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des
siècles. Amen

Invitation to the Table

Pastor: Today, we come to the table not because we have it all together, but because we don't. Come, for all is ready.

There are two communion stations for bread and wine. If gluten free, please ask for a GF wafer. Dip your bread into the wine (red) or grape juice (white), whatever makes you most comfortable.

Communion of the People**This Is My Body †**

1
This— is my bod - y, this— is my blood,— giv-en for you,

7
giv - en for you, Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God,

13
Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.—————

Concluding Prayer

Let us pray together: .

Faithful God, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of grace.

Strengthened by this meal, send us out renewed in heart and purpose— ready to walk the Lenten road with honesty, to seek reconciliation, and to live more fully into your love.

Amen. (*Dawn Lewis*)

Blessing

Go now, marked by ashes and claimed by grace. Remember that you are dust—and that you are deeply loved. Walk gently with God, care boldly for your neighbor, and trust that even in repentance and return, God is already making all things new. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

AMEN (*Dawn Lewis*)

Sending Hymn I Want Jesus to Walk With Me ELW # 325

Please help us reduce waste and cost by finding this hymn in the red hymnal or the screens.

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Dismissal

May these ashes be a reminder throughout our Lenten journey.

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God

French: Allez en paix.

Dieu soit loué.

~You are invited to exit in reflective silence~

Postlude**Worship Volunteers:**

Greeters (noon): : Gabrielle Applequest & Doneta Stephenson

Greeters (7PM): :Sharon Grove & Becky & Jack Newberry

Ushers (noon & 7PM): Nancy Cormier

Lector (noon): Gabrielle Applequist

Lector (7PM) Patty Larson

Assisting Minister (noon) Nicki Tompkins

Assisting Minister (7PM): Lyman Larson

AV Pilots 7PM Only : Dawn Lewis

Band: Philip Miller, Sam Alessi & Jorgen Vaage, Lawson Rocke, Hudson Rocke



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