



**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**February 14, 2024**

**PRELUDE**

**"Forty Days and Forty Nights"**  
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Linda Dover

**WELCOME**

Rev. Karen Wright

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17

ONE: Blow the trumpet in Zion!  
Sound the alarm on God's holy mountain.  
Call all the people together—young and old.

**ALL: For the day of the Lord is coming,  
a day unlike any other.**

ONE: Even now, God says, return to me with all your heart;  
change your life, not just your clothes.

**ALL: Let us return to our God, and to God's ways.  
For our God is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and full of compassion and mercy.**

**\*HYMN 166**

**“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”**

**ST. FLAVIAN**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 6:1–6. 16–21 (NRSVue)**

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

## **INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT**

### **PSALM 51**



## **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**HYMN 433**

**“Sign Us with Ashes”**

**PHOENIX**

***Refrain All; Verses - David Sutherland, soloist***

**\*HYMN 676**

**“Day Is Done”**

**AR HYDY NOS**

**\*BLESSING**

**MUSIC FOR SENDING**

**“St. Basil’s Hymn”**

**Traditional Greek**

**Cal Sweeten, hammered dulcimer**

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