



**“ . . . you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:19**

Music for Gathering

Call to Worship, 492

† Hymn 1, *Holy, Holy, Holy (stanzas 1 and 2)*

Psalm 51:1-17

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

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

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Silent Confession

Words of Forgiveness

† Hymn 168, *I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ*

Joel 2:12-17

Reflection

*Sign Us with Ashes*

Jim Hawkins

Imposition of Ashes

† Hymn 1, *Holy, Holy, Holy (stanzas 3 and 4)*

†Please stand if you are able.