Reading – Luke 10:25-37 Brief Reflection Song – Abide With Me #577 **Ashes**

> You are invited forward to receive the imposition of ashes. This is an ancient Christian symbol of repentance.

The ashes can be placed on your forehead or on the back of your hand accompanied by these words:

'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.'

Words Of Forgiveness and Hope

Listen to the words of Jesus to you:

'Don't be afraid for I love you.

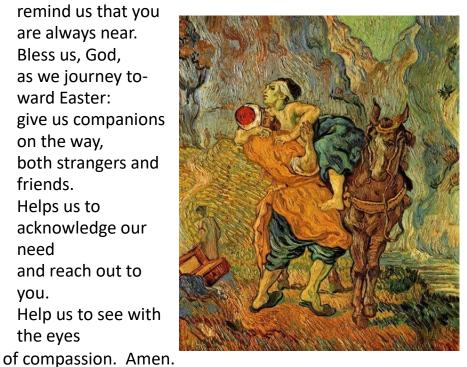
You are forgiven. Go and sin no more.' Amen.

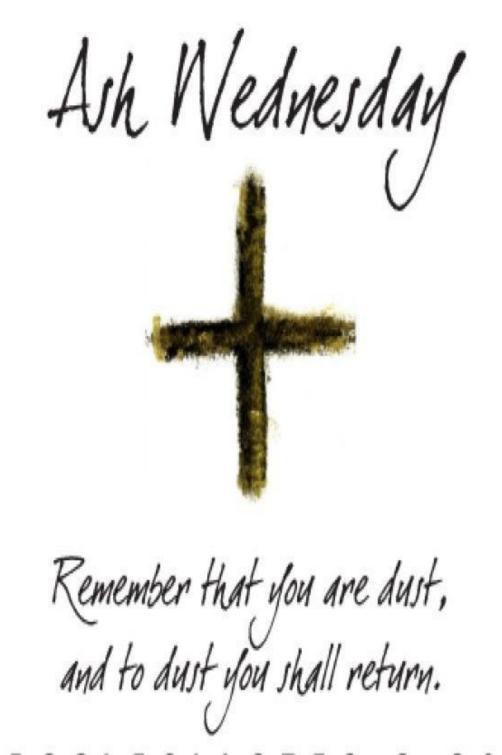
Song – Great Is Thy Faithfulness #17 A Closing Blessing

Bless us, O God, as we walk into the desert:

remind us that you are always near. Bless us, God, as we journey toward Easter: give us companions on the way, both strangers and friends. Helps us to

acknowledge our need and reach out to you. Help us to see with the eyes





The Good Samaritan, 1890 by Vincent Van Gogh

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

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Opening Responses

Leader: In your loving kindness,

All: have mercy on us God.

Leader: You want us to be honest,

All: have mercy on us God.

Leader: You invite us to tell the truth,

All: have mercy on us God.

Leader: You want to wash us clean,

All: have mercy on us God.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God. Amen.

Extinguishing of Lent Candles & Reading

Song – How Great Thou Art #16

Prayer Of Approach

God of grace and truth, at the beginning of Lent we come to you.

You know who we are.

You know what we are like.

You know what is important to us.

You know where we hurt.

We come to you seeking forgiveness.

We come to you seeking strength for our journey.

We come to you seeking love.

God of love and hope and life

meet us here.

Reading - Psalm 51:1-13

A Short Silence

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Loving God, beside us on every journey. We come this day to praise you as a people we seek to love you with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul.

Merciful Christ, we come this day to say sorry for those times when we have chosen not to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

We come to say sorry for the times when we have walked by on the other side.

We come to ask your forgiveness for the times when we have chosen to assume rather than assist; to condemn rather than care.

Gracious Spirit, as we gather for worship this night may we be challenged to be better neighbors, to show our faith in action and to show our love to all. Amen.