

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 22, 2012, 7 pm**  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Edmonton

We gather in Silence

Welcome to the beginning of Lent, a journey from death to life, from the cross of Good Friday to the empty tomb of Easter, stretched accross forty days. Today, on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of what God told Adam: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return," as we receive a smudge of ash on our forehead. We are reminded of our limits, our powerlessness, our need for God. As we encounter Jesus Christ on this lenten journey, let us cry: "Lord, have mercy". Let us anticipate the new life of Easter and walk with Jesus in courage and hope through these days.

Ringing of the Bell

**Choral Introit:**

*Miserere mei Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.  
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.  
Ps. 51:1 (Antonio Lotti, 1666-1740)*

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

Welcome

**Hymn ELW 320** "The glory of these forty days"

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

**Psalms 51:1-17 read responsively, by whole verse**

Scripture Reading: 2. Corinthians 5:20-6:10

**Hymn: ELW 325** "I want Jesus"

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: 326** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"  
*(An offering is gathered)*

**Confession of Sin: ELW pp. 252-253**

Imposition of Ashes

You are invited to come forward and receive the mark of Lent, a smudge of ash in the shape of a cross on your forehead, a sign of frailty and need, a sign of God's blessing.

Music during the imposition

**Kyrie** (William Byrd c. 1540-1623)  
**Miserere Mei** (Byrd) - text as above

**Sicut Cervus** (Palestrina 1524-1594)  
*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.  
As a deer longs for springs of water,  
so my soul longs for you, O God. (Ps 41)*

**Hymn: ELW 565** "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Choral blessing:  
God be in my head (John Rutter)  
*God be in my head, and in my understanding.  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in mine heart and in my thinking,  
God be at my end and in my departing.*

Please leave in Silence

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Guest singers: Megan McHan, Sarah Schaub, Adrienne Sitko, Sarah Thomsen, Caleb Nelson, Trent Worthington, Peter Malcolm, Justin Strand.

Trinity English Choir

Organ: Cherie Larson Music Director: Jordan Van Biert

Pastors: Ingrid Doerschel and Markus Wilhelm

