



February 18, 2026 – 6:00pm  
Ash Wednesday  
Pastor James Gomez

**Welcome & Introduction**

**Worship & Praise: “Glory Be to Jesus”**

(offering & children’s offering)

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood from His sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal, in that blood I find  
Blest be His compassion, infinitely kind.

Lift we then our voices, swell the mighty flood  
Louder still and louder, praise the precious blood.

**Confession & Absolution**

Leader: When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem to die on the cross for us. (Luke 9:51)

**People: So we set our faces to the cross of Christ this Ash Wednesday, and there we face our sins.**

Leader: Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:19-20)

**People: The Law makes us face our sins head on, and we come to the cross of Christ confessing.**

Leader: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

**People: We face our sins this day.**



Leader: But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. (Romans 3:21-22)

**People: We who have faced our sins and confessed them, are now forgiven.**

Leader: We are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:24-26)

**People: We thank you, Jesus, for facing the cross and facing our sins for us.  
Amen.**

### **Service of Ashes:**

Leader: To remind us to face the cross this Lent and to remind us that Jesus faced our sins for us,

**People: we receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads on this day. For we are dust, and to dust we shall return, but in the cross of Christ, we have a future.**

### **The Imposition of Ashes w/ Special Music: “At the Foot of the Cross”**

*Ashes are imposed with the words:* “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

### **Hymn/Song: “Savior, When in Dust to Thee”**

Savior, when in dust to Thee, Low we bow the adoring knee;  
When, repentant, to the skies, Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
O, by all Thy pains and woe, Suffered once for us below  
Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

By Thy helpless infant years, By Thy life of want and tears,  
By Thy days of deep distress, In the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour, Of the insulting tempter's pow'r,  
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye; Hear our penitential cry!

By Thine hour of dire despair, By Thine agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies, O'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!

By Thy deep expiring groan, By the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode, Held in vain the rising God,  
O, from earth to heav'n restored, Mighty, reascended Lord,  
Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

## **Prayer**

### **Children's Message**

**Scripture: Joel 2:12-19, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6**

**Message – “Facing Our Sins” – Romans 3:23-24**

### **Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

### **Blessing & Announcements**

### **Closing Hymn: “Abide with Me”**

Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, Oh abide with me!

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings;  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings:  
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea;  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

**S.O.D.A. POP:**

**(Special Occasions, Daily Activities)**

**Wednesday – Youth Group @ 6:45pm (after service in Oa**

**Thursday – Community Dinner (Gumbo and Carrot Ginge  
Bible Study: Book of James @ 6:30pm**



Sanctuary will have an offering plate at Ushers stand, available upon arrival.

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