



MERCY

March 2, 2022 • Ash Wednesday
Memorial Baptist Church • Buies Creek, NC

*By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food
until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken;
for dust you are and to dust you will return.” ~ Genesis 3: 19*

PRELUDE

Anne McClain, *organ*

WELCOME and INVOCATION (*responsively*)

Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

Based on John 3: 16-17

O God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy on us.

O God the Son, redeemer of the world

Have mercy on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

three persons and one God,

Have mercy on us. Amen.

† CALL TO WORSHIP/LENTEN HYMN *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

LAND OF REST

Lord, who through-out these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us, O Christ, to mourn our sins and close by You to stay.

TIME OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 51

Mrs. Craddock and
Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David,
when the prophet Nathan came to him,
after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

~silence~

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

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

~silence~

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

~silence~

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

~silence~

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

~silence~

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

~silence~

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

~silence~

Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

~silence~

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

~silence~

MEDITATION ON PSALM 51

Have Mercy

Mrs. Craddock

WITNESS IN SONG

The Wonderful Cross
Spencer Powell Phillips, *vocalist*

Tomlin/Watts/Walt/Reeves/Mason

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1: 3, 7

Mr. Beddingfield

Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
According to the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Mr. Beddingfield

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Mr. Beddingfield and Mrs. Craddock

*Please come to the front by way of the side aisles if you would receive the imposition of ashes
in the sign of the cross and return to your seat by the center aisle.*

*Words of imposition: **Dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return.** / Response: **Amen.***

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

And through these days of penitence, and through your passion-tide,
forevermore, in life and death, O Christ, with us abide.

† BENEDICTION

Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE

Mrs. McClain

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*