



**Ash Wednesday**  
*Service of Readings,  
Poetry, and Music*

**March 6, 2019**  
**Emmanuel College Chapel**

[www.worshipwithemmanuel.ca](http://www.worshipwithemmanuel.ca)

**Upcoming Wednesday Services**

---

**March 20:** Service of Memory and Grief,  
a memorial for Zeppelin Canlas

**March 27:** “God and Her Girls” with John Bell

**April 3:** Final service of the semester,  
with Paul Scott Wilson, preacher

**Welcome, Announcements, Introduction &  
Acknowledgement of the land**

*... silence ...*

*The Christ Candle is Lit.*

**Call to Worship**

When joys or sorrows fill our hearts,

**God’s love abides with us.**

When the brokenness of the world comes knocking on our door,

**God’s love abides with us.**

When mourning and grief become too much to bear,

**God’s love abides with us.**

When we turn from the love of God,

**God’s love abides with us.**

Let us take strength in the knowledge that  
when dust and ashes touch our face,

**They are infused with God’s love, steadfast and true.**

Come let us sing and worship our God who abides with us.

**Hymn:** VU 436 “Abide with me”

**Poem:** “The Wisdom of Ash” by John Van de Laar

**Hymn:** MV 71 “When the Wind of Winter Blows”

**Poem:** “Ashes To Ashes, Dust To Dust” by Alfred Castner King

**Hymn:** MV 78 “God Weeps”

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 58:1-12

*After the reading:* The Word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God**

**Musical Offering:**

*Ecce Tempus Idoneum* (Now Is the Time) by Thomas Tallis  
Matthew Boutda and Alex Jebson

*Translation*

Now is the healing time decreed for sins of heart, of word or deed, when we in humble fear record the wrong that we have done the Lord; who, always merciful and good, has borne so long our wayward mood, nor cut us off unsparingly in our so great iniquity. Therefore with fasting and with prayer, our secret sorrow we declare; with all good striving seek his face, and lowly-hearted plead for grace. Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain, help us the meed of praise to gain, till with the Angels linked in love joyful we tread thy courts above. Father, Son and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*After the reading:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** MV 76 “If I Have Been the Source of Pain”

**Poem:** “Rend Your Heart” by Jan Richardson

**Prayers of the People**

*Sung response:* MV 67 Kyrie Eleison

**The Saviour’s Prayer** - In your mother tongue

*All join in the prayer Jesus taught us,  
in our mother tongue or the language of our heart.*

**Hymn:** VU 105 “Dust and Ashes Touch our Face”

**Imposition of Ashes** – Each person will be marked with the words:  
“From dust you have come and from dust you shall return.”

**Prayer after Imposition**

**Hymn:** *See back page*

**Sending Us Forth on Our Lenten Journey**

**Postlude:** Arioso from Harpsichord Concerto in F Minor  
BWV 1056 by J. S. Bach

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down;  
That were a pres - ent far too small:

My rich - est gain I count but loss,  
All the vain things that charm me most—  
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.