

Blessing

P May the healing presence of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn.....*“Restore in Us, O God”*

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow’r;  
From fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow’r.

Bring us, O Christ to share the fullness of your joy;  
Baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

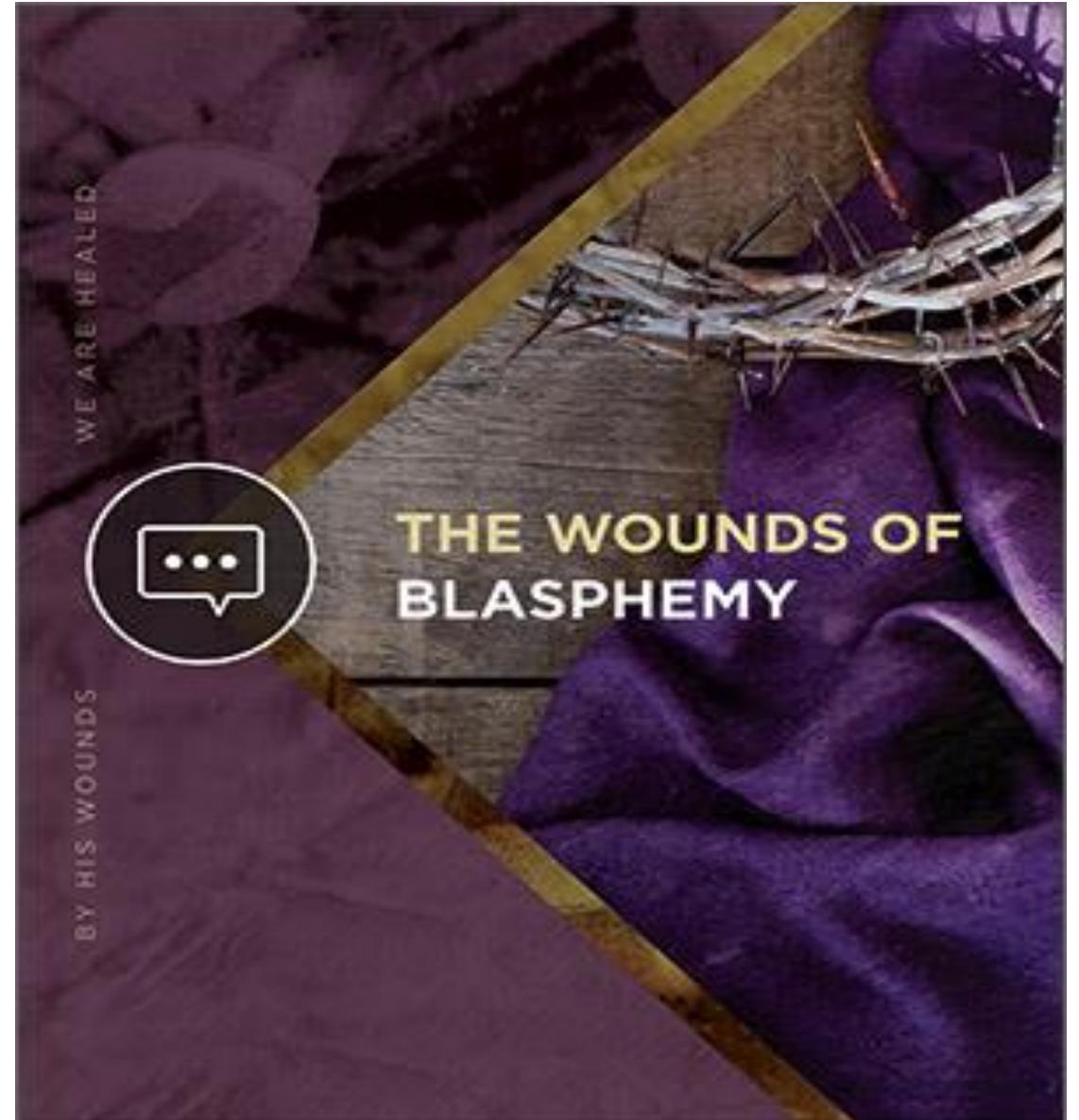
Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,  
That we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

Postlude: *“Now Unto Him”*

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**Thank you...** for joining us for our Ash Wednesday service, please worship with us on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. as we continue to reflect on the series: “By His Wounds We Are Healed.”

**Walk Through the Word...**is the name of the 2020 Lenten Devotional through the NALC. If you would like a copy, they are available on the small table in the church entrance. Please help yourself to one. You may also find it online at [thenalc.org/lent](http://thenalc.org/lent).





Sermon Hymn.....**“By Your Wounds We All Are Healed”**

Jesus, Savior of the people, giver of unending grace,  
Heal our lives that now are feeble; bless us in this holy place.  
You have come to earth convicted as a child of gentle reign.  
By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!

Jesus, by your teaching, healing, sharing meal with one and all,  
You invite all those believing, everyone who hears your call,  
Warming hearts in hope unbounded, spreading love throughout the plain.  
By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!

When the cries to crucify you were the wounding words to hear,  
Even then, you made all things new with forgiveness, love, and cheer!  
By our sin you were afflicted, on the cross you bore death’s pain,  
By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!

Sermon

Nicene Creed.....LBW p. 84

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church, for all in need, and for the whole of God’s creation. That throughout these forty days of Lent, you may give your people the hope in Jesus, our Lord, who leads the way and takes into his body on the cross the sins of the whole world. **C Heal us, O God.**

P That we may all turn from false gods in wealth, possessions, and worldly success.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P For all the times we have felt unwelcomed or have painfully experienced the wounds of insults and torment.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P That we may have the strength and compassion to be agents of your divine presence and love for all people and for all of your creation.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P That we, with all the saints who have gone before us, may trust in the strong name of the Trinity and find eternal joy in you. **C Heal us, O God.**

P We commend all things into your healing, wounded hands.

**C By Christ’s wounds, we are healed. Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The Collection of the Offering: *“Come Unto Him”* J.H. Maunder

Offering Response: *Let the Vineyards* ..... LBW p. 86

Prayer: *Merciful Father...* ..... LBW p. 87

The Great Thanksgiving ..... LBW p. 88

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ..... LBW p. 89

The Words of Institution ..... LBW p. 89

The Lord's Prayer ..... LBW p. 91

Choir Anthem: *“Ave Verum” (sung in Latin, translation in English):*

*Hail, true body  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the Cross for man,  
Whose pierced side overflowed  
with water and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste  
In the test of death.*

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ..... LBW p. 92

**Note to our guests:**

*As your church’s tradition and your conscience may allow, we welcome all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who believe in the real presence of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.*

The Distribution

***For the Bread Which You Have Broken*** ..... LBW # 200

***Let Us Break Bread Together*** ..... LBW # 212

***Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus*** ..... LBW # 219

The Post-Communion Prayer .....LBW p. 94