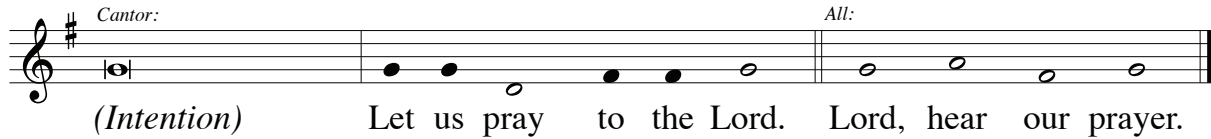


**Universal Prayer
Ash Wednesday
February 14**



Music: Byzantine chant

Cantor sings: "Lord, hear our prayer"

Assembly responds: "Lord, hear our prayer"

Cantor chants intercession, invocation, assembly responds, etc.

We pray that those preparing for baptism and reception into the Church may discover, during their Lenten journey, the depth of God's mercy and love for them.

We pray that this holy season may be a time for transforming deserts of division into springs of reconciliation and community.

We pray that each of us will commit to a life of joyful service, performing righteous deeds and charitable works without seeking recognition of others.

We pray that the needs of the poor, sick, and suffering will be met by our almsgiving during this holy season.

We pray that the souls of the faithful departed will rest in the peace of Christ, especially **Tom Giger**.