

RECORDED ASH WEDNESDAY MEDITATION

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

GREETING

PRELUDE *Iste Confessor*

Thomas Tallis, (1505-1585)

A READING

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

PRAYER

Righteous God,
in humility and repentance
we bring our failures in caring, helping, and loving,
we bring the pain we have caused other,
we bring the injustice in society of which we are a part,
to the transforming power of your grace.
Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer
and to turn again toward the sunrise of your reign,
that we may walk with you in the promise of peace
you have willed for all the children of the earth,
and have made known to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ANTHEM *O for a closer walk with God*

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

MEDITATION ON GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS

Intercessory

Gracious and merciful God,
you see into the secret places of our hearts,
where we mourn our sins.
As we turn again to your grace, receive our prayers.

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Look with mercy on our contrite hearts,
wash from us the stain of iniquity,
and create a new and right spirit in us,
that we may declare your praise
and offer an acceptable sacrifice in these Lenten days;
through Christ Jesus, who bore our sins on the cross.
Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be With You*

William G. Tomer

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsel's guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care
enfold you: God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet Jesus' feet; till we
meet, God be with you till we meet again.