

Today we begin the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Lenten Season. The weeks that follow lead us right up to Easter. We set aside the days in Lent to seriously consider the sacrifice and passion of Jesus Christ in preparation for the Celebration of the Resurrection.

Lent is a time of fasting and prayer. Traditionally, for the Ash Wednesday service, ashes from the burnt palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday ceremony are imposed on the forehead in the sign of the cross. This symbolizes our humility before the Lord as we repent and seek forgiveness.



Repent and Believe the Gospel

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North Bend
United Methodist Church
Ash Wednesday
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Scripture Reading Psalm 73:11-28 (*the Message*)

Message Pastor Scott Stephens
“The Big Picture”

CEREMONY OF THE ASHES

Confession and Repentance
Forgiveness and Thanksgiving
Receiving the sign of the Cross

*Hymn #298 *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*
(verses 1 & 2)

*Closing Blessing

Postlude

Prelude Morgan Hunkele

*Call to Worship

Leader: Consider the Savior of us all.

People: He left his Father’s throne above.

Leader: He emptied himself of all but love.

**People: Amazing love! How can it be that
thou, my God, should die for me?**

*Hymn #172 *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*
(verses 1 & 2)

*Opening Prayer Unison

Lord Jesus, take full possession of our hearts, establish in them your throne, and rule there as you rule in heaven. Being created by you, let us live in you. Being created for you, let all we do bring glory to you. Being redeemed through you, let us ever surrender to you. May we always cling to you alone. Amen.


(* indicates places for the congregation to stand (as you are able)

My Jesus, I Love Thee

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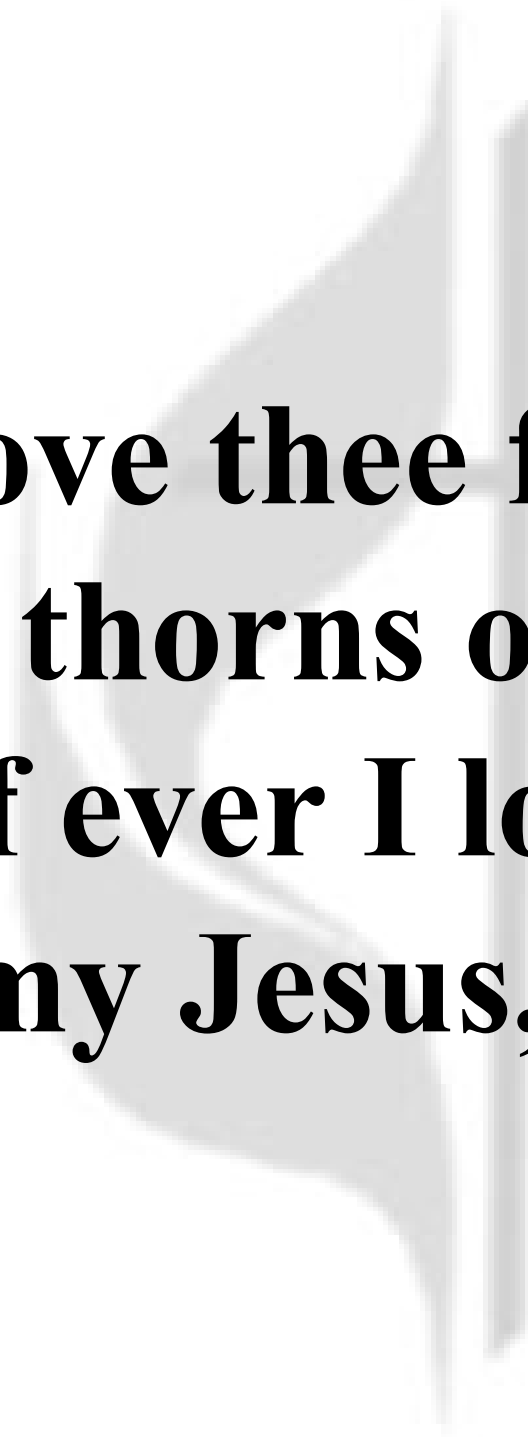
WORDS: William R. Featherstone, 1864

**1. My Jesus, I love thee,
I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies
of sin I resign.**



**My gracious Redeemer,
my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee,
my Jesus, 'tis now.**

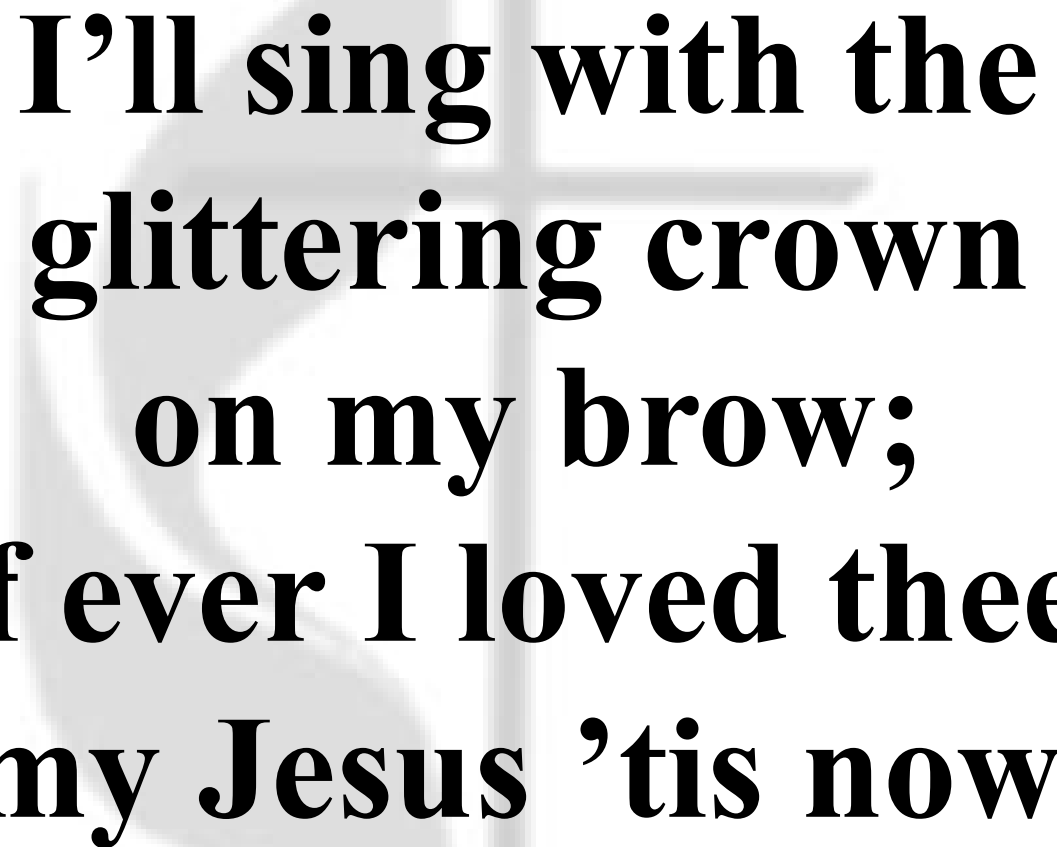
**2. I love thee
because thou
hast first loved me,
and purchased
my pardon
on Calvary's tree;**



**I love thee for wearing
the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee,
my Jesus, 'tis now.**



**3. In mansions of glory
and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee
in heaven so bright;**



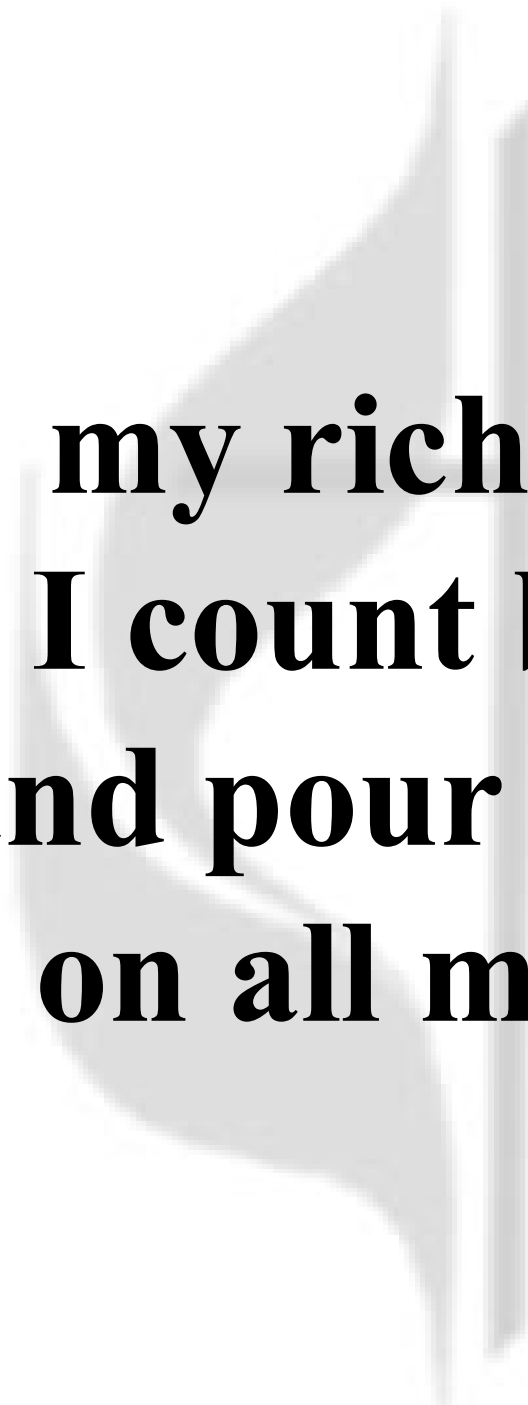
**I'll sing with the
glittering crown
on my brow;
if ever I loved thee,
my Jesus 'tis now.**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

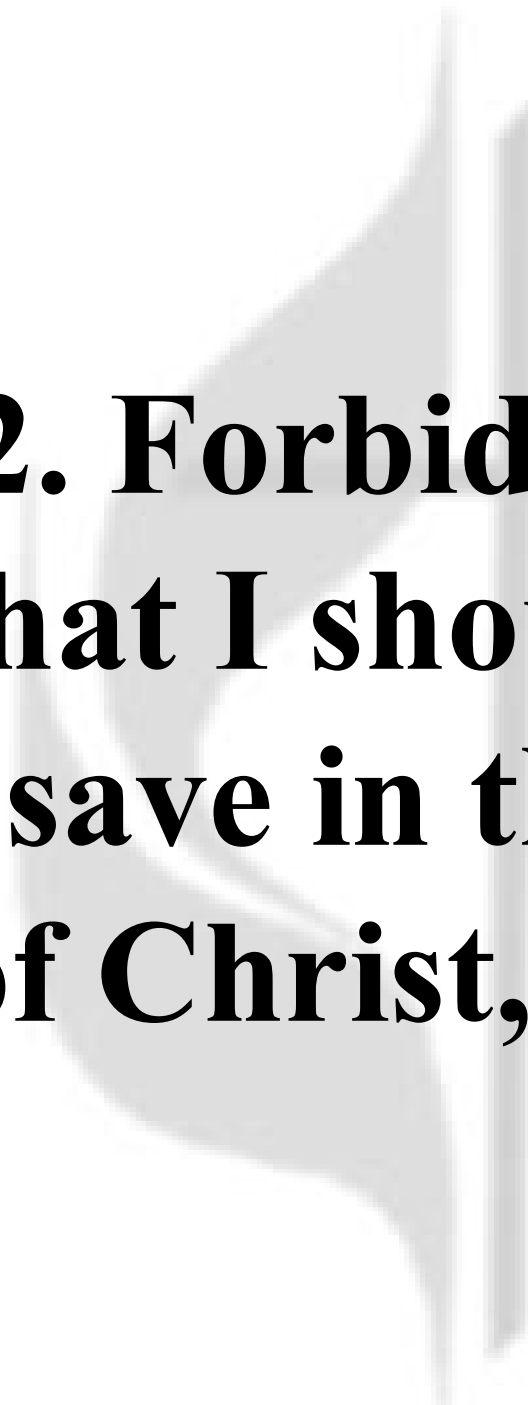
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WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 (Gal. 6:14)

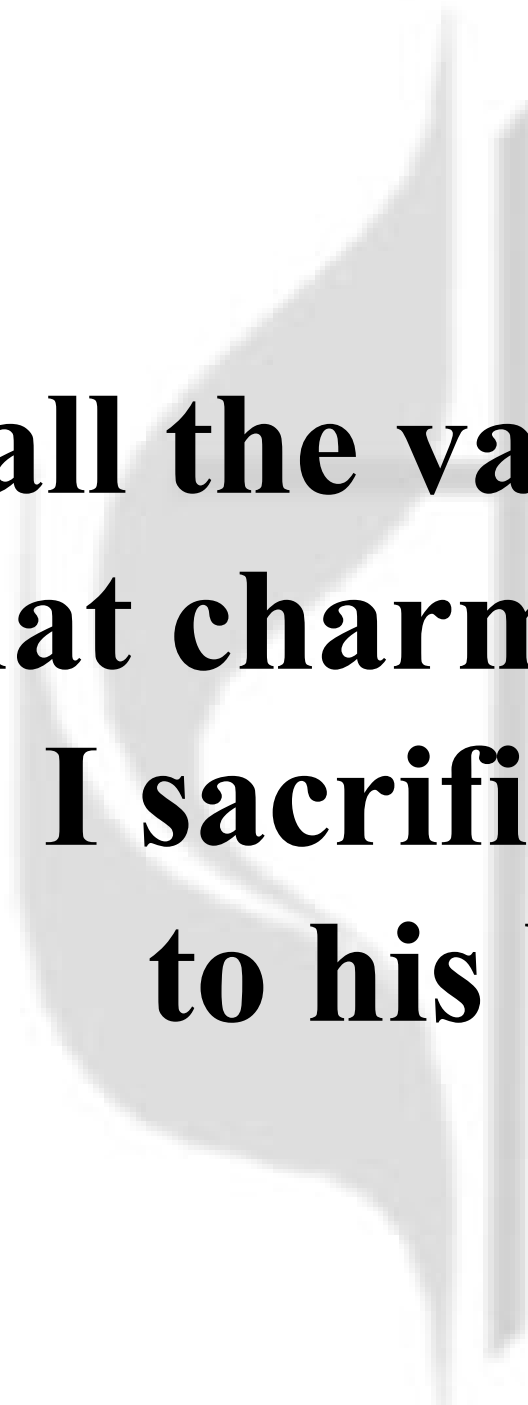
**1. When I survey
the wondrous cross
on which the
Prince of Glory died,**



**my richest gain
I count but loss,
and pour contempt
on all my pride.**

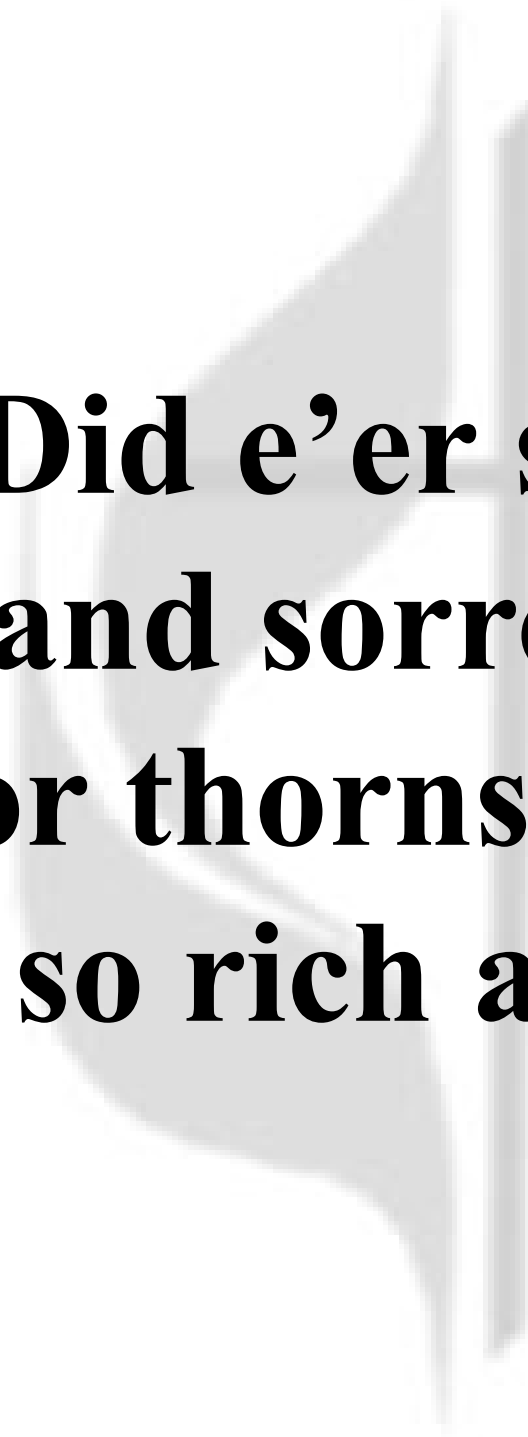


**2. Forbid it, Lord,
that I should boast,
save in the death
of Christ, my God;**




**all the vain things
that charm me most,
I sacrifice them
to his blood.**

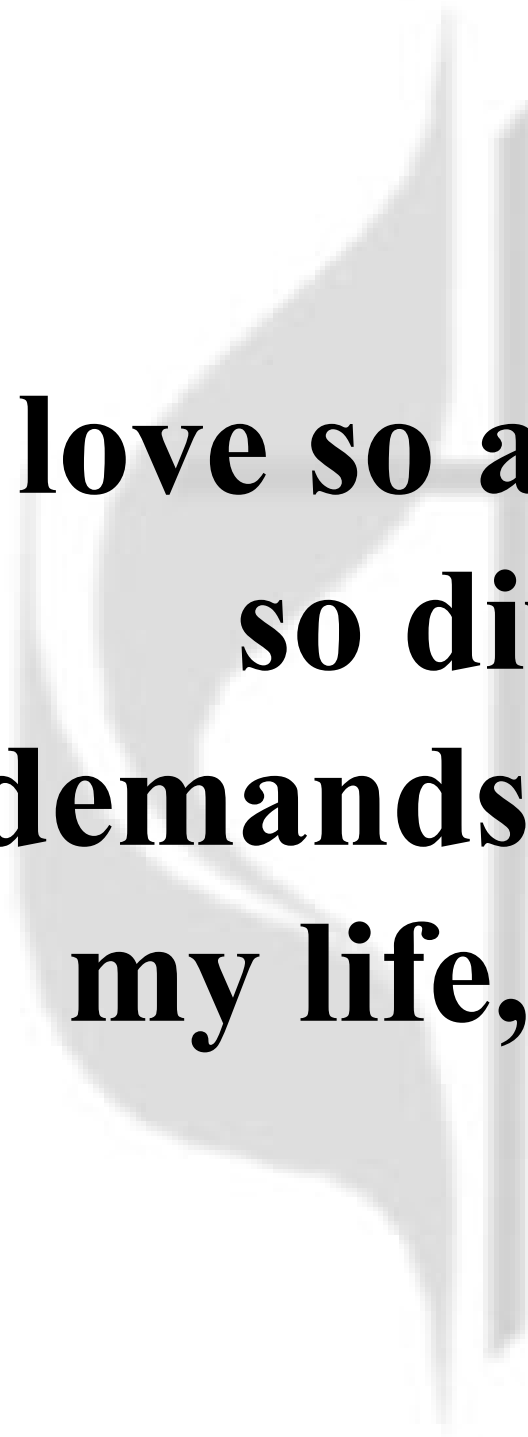
**3. See, from his head,
his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love
flow mingled down.**



**Did e'er such love
and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose
so rich a crown?**



**4. 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.**