

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 2, 2022



“Repent and believe in the Gospel.” *-Mark 1:15*

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The Glory of These Forty Days



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight,
4. Then grant that we like them be true,



We cel - e - brate with songs of praise;
The lov - ing God who gave the law;
De - liv - ered from the li - on's might;
Con - sumed in fast and prayer with you;



For Christ, by whom all things were made,
And to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came
And John, the Bride-groom's friend, be - came
Our spir - its strength - en with your grace,



Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
And give us joy to see your face.

Text: *Clarum decus jejunii*; Gregory the Great, c. 540-604; tr. by Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, © Oxford University Press
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-1561



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

JL 2:12-18

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart,
with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments,
and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he,
slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.
Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing,
Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God.

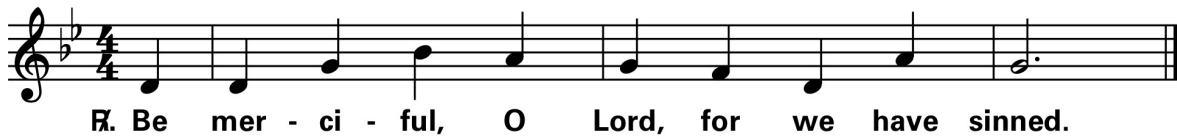
Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast,
call an assembly; Gather the people,
notify the congregation; Assemble the elders,
gather the children and the infants at the breast;
Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber.
Between the porch and the altar let the priests,
the ministers of the LORD, weep,
And say, "Spare, O LORD, your people,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
with the nations ruling over them!
Why should they say among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"

Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51: ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL YEARS



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1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. **R/.**
2. For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always:
“Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.” **R/.**
3. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **R/.**
4. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R/.**

SECOND READING

2 COR 5:20-6:2

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: *In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.* Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 6:1-6, 16-18

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

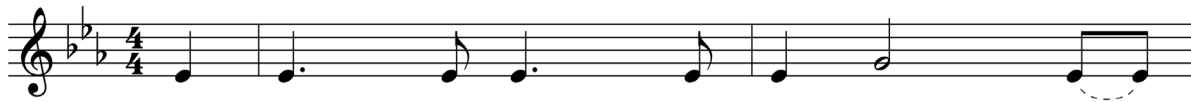
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

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Ashes



1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the
 2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we
 3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let
 4. { Thanks be to the Fa - ther, who



good we've failed to do. We rise a - gain from
 of - fer you at - tempts, The gifts not ful - ly
 heal - ing come to pain, Though spring has turned to
 made us like him - self. Thanks be to the



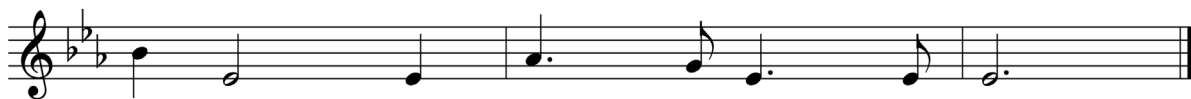
ash - es, to cre - ate our - selves a - new. If
 giv - en, the dreams not ful - ly dreamt. Give our
 win - ter, and sun - shine turned to rain. The
 Son, who saved us by his death.



all our world is ash - es, then
 stum - bl - ings di - rec - tion, give our
 rain we'll use for grow - ing, and cre -
 Thanks be to the Spir - it, who cre -



must our lives be true, An of - fer - ing of
 vi - sions wid - er view, An of - fer - ing of
 ate the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of
 ates the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of



ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
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WITH THESE ASHES

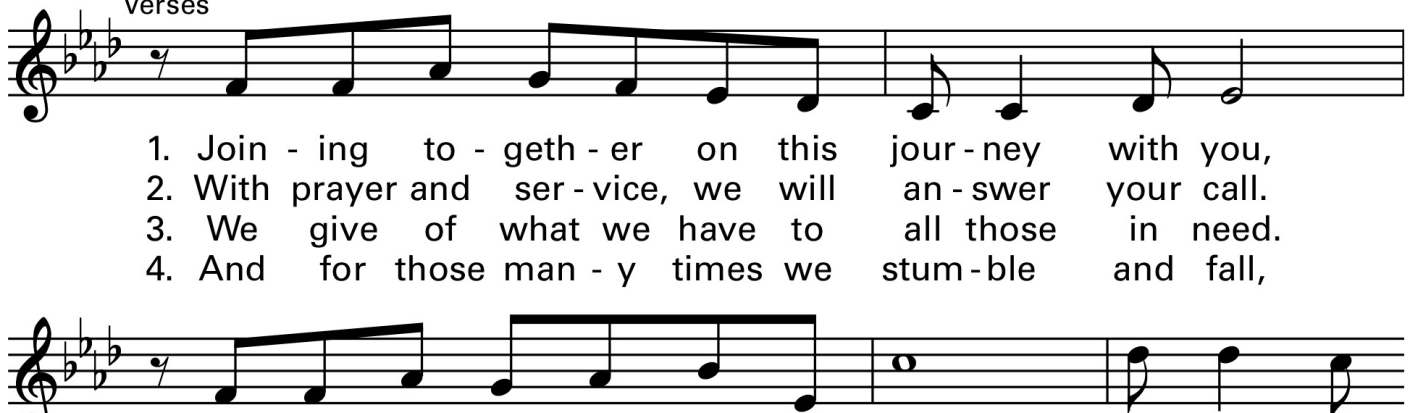
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Refrain



With these ash - es, we know your love, O Lord. With these
ash-es, we turn our hearts to you. Daugh-ters and sons, we
jour-ney as one. With these ash-es, we know your love, O Lord.

Verses



1. Join - ing to - geth - er on this jour-ney with you,
2. With prayer and ser-vice, we will an-swer your call.
3. We give of what we have to all those in need.
4. And for those man - y times we stum-ble and fall,

1. we walk these for - ty days and nights. Called by your
2. With voic - es raised, we share your word. Called by your
3. We give as you would have us do. Called by your
4. your mer - cy rains from heav'n a - bove. Called by your

to Refrain



1. grace, we an-swer in faith; O Lord, lead us to your light.
2. grace, we an-swer in faith; O Lord, let our cry be heard.
3. grace, we an-swer in faith; O Lord, lead us back to you.
4. grace, we an-swer in faith; O Lord, lead us to your love.

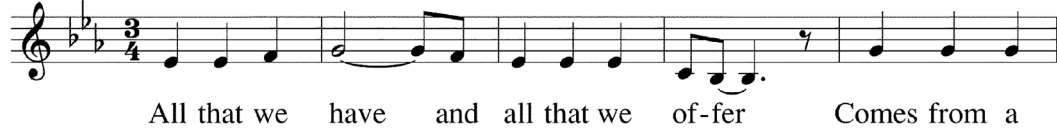
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

All That We Have

Refrain



Verses



1. Some would re - ly on their pow - er,
2. Some - times the road may be lone - some,
3. Some - times when trou - bles are man - y,



Oth - ers put trust in their gold.
Of - ten we may lose our way;
Life can seem emp - ty, it's true,



Some have on - ly their Sav - ior,
Take cour - age and al - ways re - mem - ber
But look at the life of the Mas - ter,



Whose faith - ful - ness nev - er grows old.
Love is - n't just for a day.
Who lov - ing - ly suf - fered for you.

† Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R/. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE

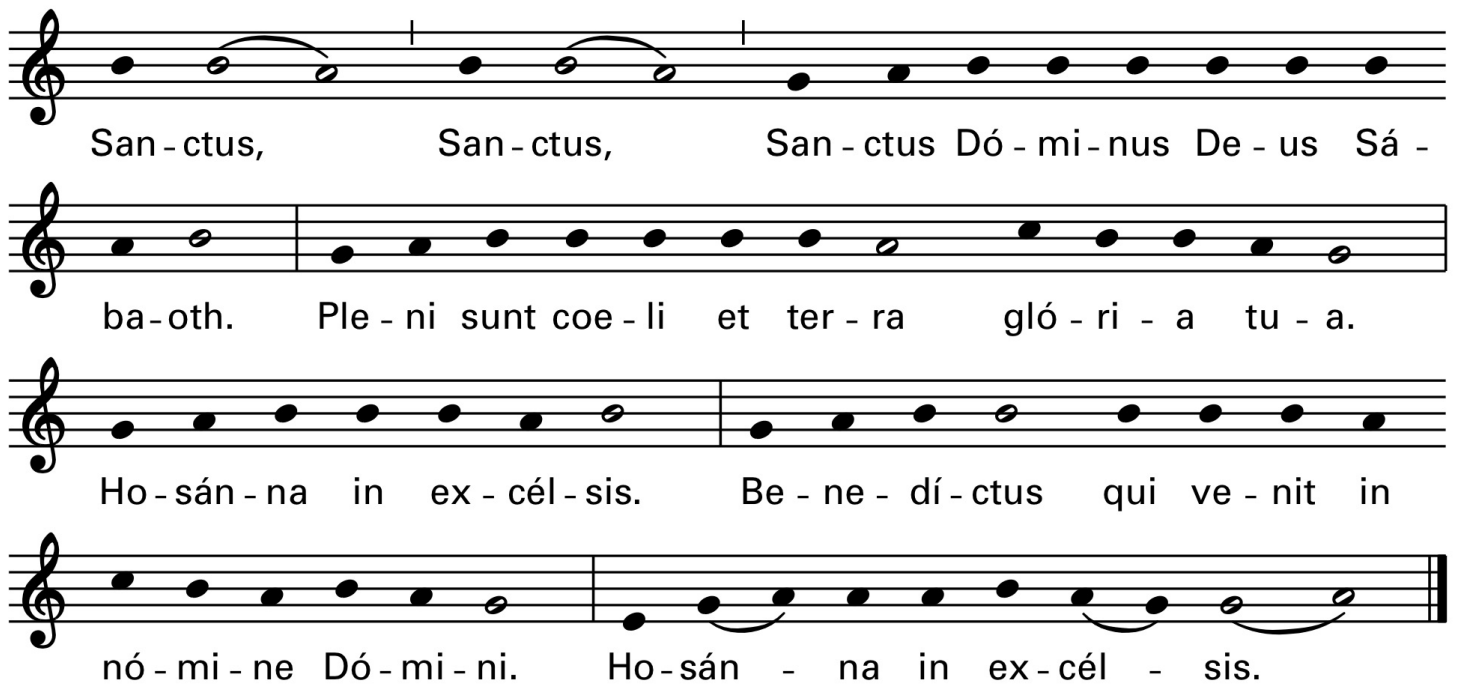
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS XVIII

Mass XVIII, Chant



San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá -
ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a.
Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in
nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

Text and music: Chant; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

† The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your Spirit.

AGNUS DEI XVIII

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se -
ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i,
qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Text and music: Chant; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

† Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

† The mystery of faith

POST CONSECRATIONEM

Chant

Priest or

My-sté - ri - um fí - de - i. My-sté - ri - um fí - de - i.

All

Mor-tem tu - am an-nun-ti - á - mus, Dó - mi - ne, et tu - am re-sur-re - cti - ó - nem con-fi - té - mur, do - nec vé - ni - as.

Text and music: *Chant Mass; Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

AMEN

Chant

Priest All

...per ó - mni - a sae - cu - la sae - cu - ló - rum. A-men.

Text and music: *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

COMMUNION SONG

Return to God

Refrain

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer-cy; come seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on two staves in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note and a quarter rest on the second line.

Verses

1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry,
give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

CONCLUDING RITE

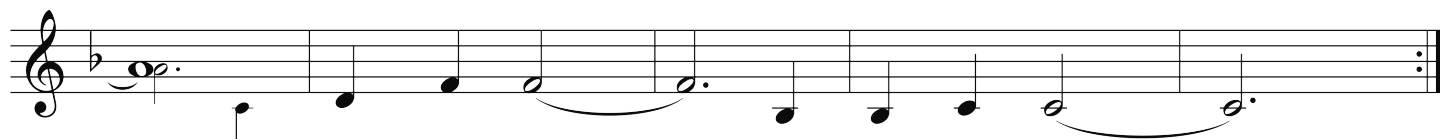
CLOSING HYMN

Hosea

Verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,
3. You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.
so must we to oth - ers' call. *(To refrain)*
to your heart where I will speak.
With ten - der - ness, you shall know. *(To refrain)*
faith - ful - ness will be your joy. *(To refrain)*

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Text: Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16, 21; Joel 2:12; Weston Priory, Gregory Norbet, OSB, b.1940
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