

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception  
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**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

You are merciful to all, O Lord,  
and despise nothing that you have made.  
You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance,  
and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and
2. As you with Sa - tan did con tend, And did the vic - 'try
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So teach us, gra cious
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas - sion -
5. A - bid e with us, that through this life Of doubts and hope and



pray, Teach us to o - ver -  
win, O give us strength in  
Lord, To die to self, and  
tide, For ev - er - more, in  
pain, An East - er of un -



come our sins, And close by you to stay.  
you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.  
so to live By your most ho - ly word.  
life and death, O Lord! with us a - bid e.  
end - in joy We may at last at - tain!

Text: Claudia F. Hermaman, 1838-1898, alt.  
Tune: ST FLAVIAN, CM; *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1562

**SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING**

**COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

*Joel 2: 12-18*

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.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 51: 2-3, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17*



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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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.**

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.**

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.**

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

*II Corinthians 5: 20 – 6: 2*

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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*see Psalm 95: 8*



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If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. **R.**

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18*

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."

## HOMILY

# BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

*Hear Us, Almighty Lord*

*First time: repeat after cantor.*

Hear us, al - might - y Lord, show us your mer - cy.  
 (*At - ten - de Do - mi - ne, et mi - se - re - re.*)

Sin - ners we stand here be - fore you.  
 (*Qui - a pec - ca - vi - mus ti - bi.*)

*Parce Domine*

*First time, repeat after choir/cantor:*

Par - ce Dó-mi - ne Par - ce pó - pu - lo tu - o:  
 (*Spare your people, O Lord:*)

ne in ae - tér - num i - ra - scá - ris no - bis.  
 (*do not be angry with us forever.*)

# UNIVERSAL PRAYER

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
 and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
 O Lord, I cried unto you and you healed me.

### PREFACE

### SANCTUS

*Mass XVIII*

Sánc - tus, Sánc - tus, Sánc - tus Dó - mi - nus Dé - us Sá - ba - oth.  
 (*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,*)

Plé - ni sunt caé - li et tér - ra gló - ri - a tú - a.  
 (*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*)

Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - sis.  
 (*Ho - san - na in the high - est.*)

Be - ne - díc - tus qui vé - nit in nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni.  
*(Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.)*

Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.  
*(Ho - san - na in the high - est.)*

**MYSTERY OF FAITH**

*Roman Missal*

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion  
 un - til you come a - gain.

**DOXOLOGY AND AMEN**

A - men, A - men, A - men.

**COMMUNION RITE**

**OUR FATHER**

**SIGN OF PEACE**

**AGNUS DEI**

*Mass XVIII*

A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di:  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
*have mer - cy on us.*

A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di:  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

do - na no - bis pa - cem.  
*grant us peace.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Qui meditabitur*



He who pon-ders the law shall bear fruit in due sea-son.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### CONCLUDING RITE

## FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Again We Keep This Solemn Fast*



1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast,
2. The law and proph - ets from of old
3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make
4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way
5. We pray, O bless - ed Three in One,



A gift of faith from a - ges past,  
 In fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told,  
 The words we speak, the food we take,  
 That lures the care - less mind a - stray;  
 Our God while end - less a - ges run,



This Lent which binds us lov - ing - ly  
 Which Christ, all a - ges' Lord and Guide,  
 Our sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - 'ry sense;  
 By watch - ful prayer our spir - its free  
 That this, our Lent of for - ty days,



To faith and hope and char - i - ty.  
 In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.  
 Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.  
 From schem - ing of the En - e - my.  
 May bring us growth and give you praise.

Text: *Exe more docti mystici*, Ascr. to Gregory the Great, C.540-604; Tr. by Peter J. Scagnelli.  
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