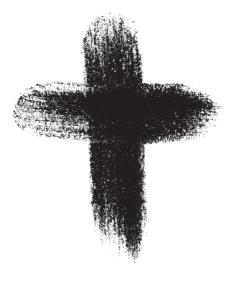


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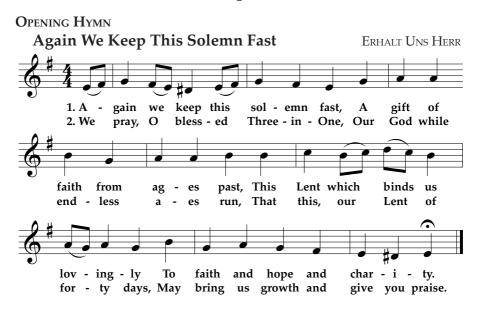


Ash Wednesday +

February 17, 2021

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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GREETING

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LITURGY of the WORD

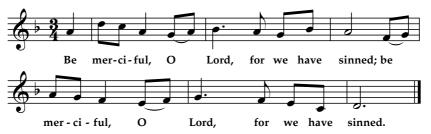
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FIRST READING

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;

Joel 2:12-18

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.



Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,

Responsorial Psalm

- in your compassion, blot out my offense.
- O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow, and cleanse me from all of my sin.
- My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me;
- against you alone have I sinned, O Lord,
 - what is evil in your sight I have done.

SECOND READING

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. Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul.

- Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your spirit from me.
- Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me
- up and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered, and bring them all home to your side.

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

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.



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

GOSPEL

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

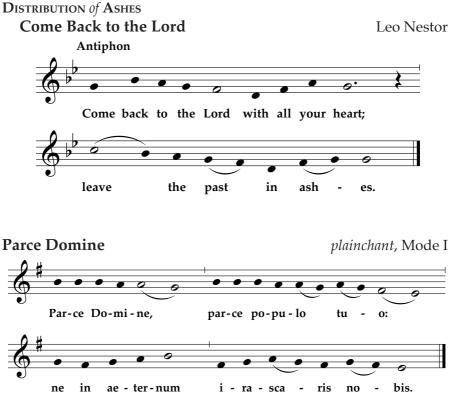
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

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

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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."

Spare, O Lord, spare your people, lest you be angry with us forever.



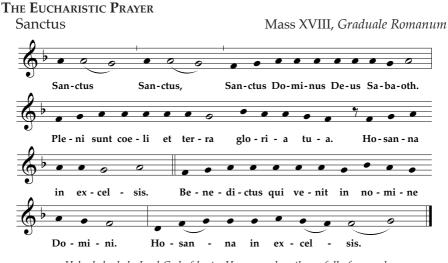
UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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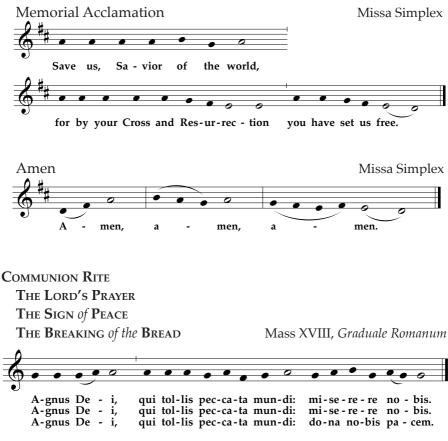
LITURGY of the Eucharist

PREPARATION of the Altar and the GIFTS

PRAYER over the **OFFERINGS**



Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Music during the Communion Procession

plainchant, Mode V



Hear us, O Lord, who have sinned against you, and have mercy.

PRAYER after COMMUNION

Attende Domine

CONCLUDING RITES

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