

February 17, 2021
ASH WEDNESDAY



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ALL ARE WELCOME!

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP

(a liturgical aid to today's Mass)
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INTRODUCTORY RITES

(please stand)

Gathering Song: HOSEA

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall
so must we, to other's call.
*Long have I waited for your coming,
home to me and living, deeply our new lives.*

The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know.
*Long have I waited for your coming,
home to me and living, deeply our new lives.*

You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.
*Long have I waited for your coming,
home to me and living, deeply our new lives.*

Priest sings: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN.

*Priest: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*Priest: We rely on the redeeming mercy of God.
And so we call out to Christ, our compassionate Saviour.*

SUNG RESPONSE:

LORD, HAVE MERCY. CHRIST HAVE MERCY. LORD HAVE MERCY

at end of each verse and last time ALL SING:

HEAR US, HEAR US.

Priest: Let us pray...with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL : A –MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(Please be seated)

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel (2:12-18a)

Psalm Response:

**"Be Merciful, O Lord for we have sinned.
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."**

A Reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (5:20-21---6:1-2)

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)

**Praise To You, Lord, Jesus Christ
PRAISE TO YOU, LORD, JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF ENDLESS GLORY! (repeat)**

Verse is sung; after verse: repeat above.

The Gospel Reading

Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (6:1-6, 16-18)

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The gospel is read. When the reading is over:

Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Sing: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST;
KING OF ENDLESS GLORY! (repeat)**

Homily

(Please be seated)

Distribution of Ashes

Song for distribution of Ashes: WITH THESE ASHES

Refrain

With these ashes, we know your love, O Lord.
With these ashes, we turn our hearts to you.
Daughters and sons, we journey as one.
With these ashes, we know your love, O Lord.

1. Joining together on this journey with you,
we walk these forty days and nights.
Called by your grace, we answer in faith;
O Lord, lead us to your light.
2. With prayer and service, we will answer your call.
With voices raised, we share your word.
Called by your grace, we answer in faith;
O Lord, let our cry be heard.
3. We give of what we have to all those in need.
We give as you would have us do.
Called by your grace, we answer in faith;
O Lord, lead us back to you.
4. And for those many times we stumble and fall,
your mercy rains from heav'n above.
Called by your grace, we answer in faith;
O Lord, lead us to your love.

Sign Of Peace

Song at Offertory: BEYOND THE DAYS

Refrain

*Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.*

1. Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.

Refrain

2. Not on bread alone are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts.

Refrain

3. In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care: may your gentleness be there.

Refrain

4. On our Lenten path we see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope; be the promise of our lives.

Refrain

***Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....
ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS,
FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF HIS NAME,
FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS CHURCH.***

Eucharistic Prayer

Introductory Dialogue

Preface

Presider: The Lord be with you. ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

The Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.

Blest is he, blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues... Words of Consecration:

"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT. THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."

"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.

THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME."

The Memorial Acclamation

Cantor: As grain is transformed into the bread we eat,

ALL: AS GRAIN IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE BREAD WE EAT,

Cantor: And grapes are transformed into the wine we drink,

ALL: AND GRAPES ARE TRANSFORMED INTO THE WINE WE DRINK,

Cantor: We share in your death; ALL: WE SHARE IN YOUR DEATH

Cantor: We share in your life; ALL: WE SHARE IN YOUR LIFE;

Cantor: Until we are transformed into your glory.

ALL: UNTIL WE ARE TRANSFORMED INTO YOUR GLORY.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:

Doxology & Great Amen

Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are they to be called to this supper.

**ALL: LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU,
BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED.**

Celebrant: May the body and blood.....ALL: AMEN

Communion

Communion Song: TURN TO ME

Refrain

*Turn to me, O man and be saved,
Says the Lord for I am God;
There is no other, none beside me.
I call your name.*

1. I am God who comforts you;
Who are you to be afraid
of flesh that fades,
is made like the grass of the fields,
soon to wither.

Refrain

2. Listen to me, my people;
Give ear to me my nation:
a law will go forth from me,
and my justice for a light to the people.

Refrain

3. Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth down below.
The heavens will vanish like smoke,
and the earth will wear out like a garment.

Refrain

CONCLUDING RITE

Communion Meditation

Dismissal

Closing Song: LED BY THE SPIRIT

1. Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray
With Christ into the wilderness; we join his paschal way.
"Rend not your garments, rend your hearts. Turn back your lives to me."
Thus says our kind and gracious God, whose reign is liberty.
2. Led by the Spirit, we confront temptation face to face,
And know full well we must rely on God's redeeming grace.
On bread alone we cannot live, but nourished by the Word
We seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and food.
3. Led by the Spirit, now draw near the waters of rebirth
With hearts that long to worship God in spirit and in truth.
"Whoever drinks the drink I give shall never thirst again."
Thus says the Lord who died for us, our Savior, kindred friend.
4. Led by the Spirit, now sing praise to God the Trinity:
The Source of Life, the living Word made flesh to set us free,
The Spirit blowing where it will to make us friends of God:
This mystery far beyond our reach, yet near in healing love.