

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021



Entrance

1. From ashes to the living font your church must journey, Lord, baptized in grace, in grace renewed by your most holy word.
2. Through fasting, prayer, and charity your voice speaks deep within, returning us to ways of truth and turning us from sin.
3. From ashes to the living font, your church must journey still, through cross and tomb to Easter joy, in Spirit fire fulfilled.

Glory to God

The cantors sing this hymn in lieu of the congregation

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Joel 2: 12-18

RESPONSORIAL:

Psalm 51: 3-6a, 12, 14, 17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions, truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence; take not your holy spirit from me.

Restore in me the joy of your salvation; sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5: 20-6: 2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Psalm 95:8

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

GOSPEL:

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

HOMILY

Distribution of Ashes

1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Trees to bend, though straight and tall; so must we to others call. Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.
2. 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 life.
3. 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 life.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary and became man.***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar

1. The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.
2. Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.
3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lion's might; and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.
4. Then grant that we like them be true, consumed in fast and prayer with you; our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Holy, Holy, Holy

The cantors sing this acclamation in lieu of the congregation

Memorial Acclamation

The cantors sing this acclamation in lieu of the congregation

Amen

The cantors sing this acclamation in lieu of the congregation

Lamb of God

The cantors sing this litany in lieu of the congregation



Act of Spiritual Communion

I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

Communion Procession

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess; and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease; be God's the glory that we seek, be ours God's holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son; as members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.
6. No race nor creed can love exclude, if honored be God's name; our family embraces all whose father is the same.

Sending Forth

1. We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do. We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew. If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true, and offering of ashes, an offering to you.
2. We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts, the gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt; Give our stumblings direction, give our visions wider view, and offering of ashes, an offering to you.
3. Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain, though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain. The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew from an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

After Mass: Please deposit this aid in basket as you leave.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL

Please strictly observe the directives of social distancing and the requirement to wear face coverings while in church.

- We have marked the pews with blue tape, so you know where to sit safely (with a limit of six persons per pew). Of course, families may sit together! If you live in the same house, you do not need to sit apart! All others must sit six 6 feet apart.
- We will not be passing baskets during the offertory, though we have a box for donations available upon entering and departing the church.
- There will be no Sign of Peace exchanged during Mass
- We strongly encourage everyone to accept the Sacred Eucharist in the hand, rather than on the tongue. This reduces the exposure to priests and deacons as well as to the person receiving the Body of Christ. We will not offer the Sacred Cup at this time.
- Please follow the directions of the ushers during communion to ensure social distancing.
- To leave church, please exit pew by pew, maintaining social distance, starting in the back. Please follow the directions of the ushers.