

# ASH WEDNESDAY

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February 17, 2021



## Entrance

### Refrain

Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call to him while he is still near.

1. Today is the day and now the proper hour  
to forsake our sinful lives and turn to the Lord.

2. As high as the sky is above the earth,  
so high above our ways, the ways of the Lord.

Finding the Lord, let us cling to him.  
His words, his ways lead us to life.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**FIRST READING:**

**Joel 2:12-18**

**RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 51:3-4,5-6ab,12-13,14 and 17**

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

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**SECOND READING:**

**2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

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

**GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-68**

**HOMILY**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

**Refrain:**

**Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.  
Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return.**

- 1. Repent, the kingdom is at hand.  
Repent, the kingdom is at hand.  
Rend your hearts, not your garments.  
Now, the acceptable time. Now, the acceptable time.**
- 2. Repent, the kingdom is at hand.  
Repent, the kingdom is at hand.  
Blow the trumpet in Zion.  
Now, the acceptable time. Now, the acceptable time.**
- 3. Repent, the kingdom is at hand.  
Repent, the kingdom is at hand.  
Forgive one another.  
Now, the acceptable time. Now, the acceptable time.**
- 4. Repent, the kingdom is at hand.  
Repent, the kingdom is at hand.  
Now, the day of salvation.  
Now, the acceptable time. Now, the acceptable time.**

**\*Additional verses for the season of Lent:**

**See the God of compassion...**

**Live in kindness and mercy...**

**Trust in God and be faithful...**

**Let us bow down in worship...**

## 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

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## Preparation of the Altar

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,  
An 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,  
An 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.
4. Thanks be to the Father, who made us like himself.  
Thanks be to the Son, who saved us by his death.  
Thanks be to the Spirit, who creates the world anew  
From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

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## 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. We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white: the weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives; the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries, the promise of our future: our needing and our nurture lie here before our eyes.

We come to your feast, we come to your feast:  
the young and the old, the frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least.

We come to your feast, we come to your feast  
with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands, we come to your feast.

2. We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread:  
the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;  
we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,  
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,  
to love in word and deed.

We come to your feast...

We come to your feast...

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## **Sending Forth**

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!  
Though I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.  
We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.  
Let no one walk alone. The journey makes us one.

1. Other spirits, lesser gods, have courted me with lies.  
Here among you I have found a truth which bids me rise.

I have fixed my eyes...

2. See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.  
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.

I have fixed my eyes...

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**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.