# Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

# ASH WEDNESDAY

The altar party enters in silence.

# Introit Misereris omnium (Wis 11:24,25,27; Ps 57:1)

Thou hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and abhorrest nothing which thou hast made, and forgivest the sins of men, because they should amend, and sparest them: for thou art the Lord our God.

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GLORY. Thou hast...

The Collect for Purity, Summary of the Law, and Kyrie are omitted.

#### Collect

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

# FIRST READING

Joel 2:12-18

"Even now," says the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and tear your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in mercy,
and repents of evil.
Who knows whether he will not turn and repent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a cereal offering and a drink offering
for the Lord, your God?
Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;

gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;

assemble the elders;

gather the children,

even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep

and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Then the LORD became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people.

GRADUAL PSALM Psalm 51:1-4, 10-11, 12, 15. Miserere mei, Deus



HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after | thy great | goodness; \* according to the multitude of thy mercies do a- | way | mine of- | fences.

- 2 Wash me throughly | from my | wickedness, \* and | cleanse me | from my | sin.
- 3 For I ac- | knowledge · my | faults, \* and my | sin is | ever · be- | fore me.
- 4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil | in thy | sight; \* that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and | clear when | thou shalt | judge.
- 10 Make me a clean | heart, O | God, \* and re- | new a · right | spirit · with- | in me.
- 11 Cast me not away | from thy | presence, \* and take not thy | ho  $\cdot$  ly | Spi  $\cdot$  rit | from me.
- 12 O give me the comfort of thy | help a- | gain, \* and stablish | me with | thy free | Spirit.
- 15 Thou shalt open my | lips, O | Lord, \* and my | mouth shall | show thy | praise.

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

### SECOND READING

Brethren:

We are ambassadors for Christ,

God making his appeal through us.

We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain.

For he says,

"At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation."

Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

## **Tract**

Domine, non secundum (Ps 103:10; 79:8,9)

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins: nor reward us according to our wickednesses.

V. Lord, remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon: for we are come to great misery. [Here genuflect]

V. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name, O Lord: O deliver us and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.

GOSPEL.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**★** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time:

Jesus said to his disciples,

"Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

"Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.

"But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.

"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.

"But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**HOMILY** 

# BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Brethren, it has been the custom in the Church from ancient times to observe with great devotion the days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, and to prepare for the same by a season of penitence and fasting. To make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us ask God our Father that he vouchsafe to bless these ashes with an abundance of his grace.

Let us pray.

GOD, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin and be saved: mercifully look upon the frailty of our mortal nature, and of thy goodness vouchsafe to bless these ashes now to be set upon our heads in token of humility and to obtain thy pardon; that we, knowing we are but dust, and that for our unworthiness unto dust shall we return, may through thy mercy be found meet to receive forgiveness of all our sins, and those good things which thou hast promised to the penitent; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest then places ashes on the head of all present who come to him, saying to each one:

Remember that thou art dust, and unto dust shalt thou return.

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Offertory

*Exaltabo te* (Ps 30:1,2)

I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up, and not made my foes to triumph over me: O Lord, my God, I cried unto

thee, and thou hast healed me.

## OFFERTORY HYMN ORATE FRATRES

Abide with me - Hymnal 467

The Priest kisses the altar, turns towards the People, extends and then joins his hands, and says aloud:

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father Almighty.

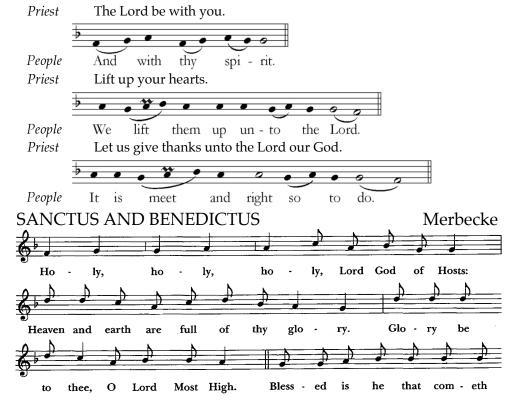
The People stand and respond:

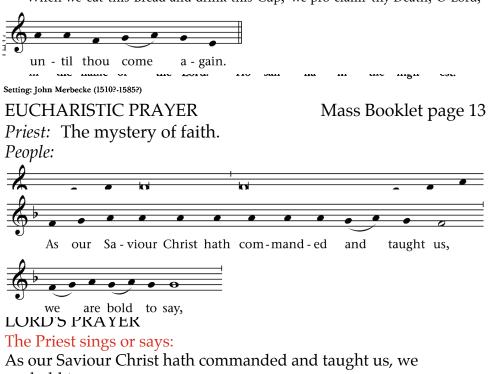
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

# Prayer over the Offerings

RANT, we beseech thee, O Lord: that like as we do by these our oblations bring to remembrance the institution of this holy Sacrament, so we may by thee be enabled to offer the same according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SURSUM CORDA

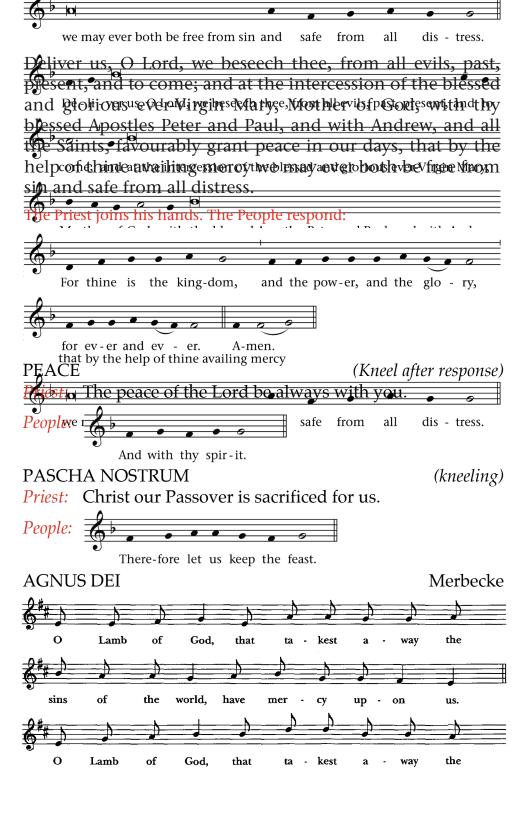


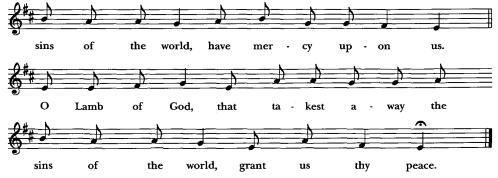


are bold to say:



And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil.





Setting: John Merbecke (1518?-1585?)

#### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The Priest says with all who shall receive Communion:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

**ECCE AGNUS DEI** 

(said by the Priest)

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

DOMINE NON SUM DIGNUS

(said three times)

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

## Communion

Qui meditabitur (Ps 1:2b,3b)

He who doth meditate on the law of the Lord day and night: will bring forth his fruit in due season.

# DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Those in full communion with the Catholic Church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We encourage communion on the tongue as the most traditional and reverent manner of receiving the Sacrament. The Priest will administer the Blessed Sacrament in both kinds by moistening the Host in the Precious Blood (intinction). If you wish to receive only the Host, please indicate "one kind" by placing "one hand" on your breast.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN Shepherd of souls - Hymnal 213 THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION (kneeling)

Almighty and everliving God,

we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and Passion of thy dear Son.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Postcommunion

(remain kneeling)

E beseech thee, Lord, mercifully to protect us who have now received this holy Sacrament: that this our fast may be acceptable in thy sight and profitable unto us for the healing of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND BLESSING

(Kneeling)

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

People:



And with thy spir-it.

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

OOK down in mercy, O Lord, upon us now kneeling before thy majesty: that we who have been partaking of thy heavenly gifts may evermore be strengthened with thy heavenly succour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The priest continues:

People: Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Priest: People:



CLOSING HYMN Forty days and forty nights - Hymnal 55





Let us pro-ceed in peace. In the name of Christ. A-men.

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# CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS

#### DECREE

Desiring to heal wounds of division in the Body of Christ, Pope Benedict XVI approved the erection of Personal Ordinariates for Anglicans wishing to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Attentive to their attachment to various customs and traditions that developed in the Anglican Communion over the nearly five hundred years of separation from the See of Peter and that are in accord with the Catholic faith, among the provisions of the Apostolic Constitution Anglicanorum coetibus is included the authorization for the preparation of liturgical books that draw from the Anglican liturgical and spiritual patrimony.

Aware that authentic Catholic worship in Spirit and truth has always found expression in diverse forms, this Congregation, together with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, drawing from various Anglican sources and from the current Roman Missal, has prepared this text for the celebration of the Mass in the Personal Ordinariates.

Therefore, wishing that the fruits of the labors of pastors, religious, and lay faithful of years past may remain ever abundant in the Church, this Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, by virtue of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS, now approves this Missal as a legitimate adaptation of the Roman Rite, drawn up in the English language and called « Divine Worship: The Missal », as in the attached copy, and makes it available for all those who have the right to it from the date established by the Ordinaries of the Personal Ordinariates.

In printed editions, this Decree, which grants the approval of the Apostolic See, is to be included in its entirety.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 27 May 2015, the Memorial of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.

(Robert Card. SARAH) *Prefect* 

