

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 17, 2021

7:00 A.M.

FIRST READING

Jl 2: 12-18

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; / 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cf. Ps 51 (50): 3a; V 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 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.

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

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.”

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

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.

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

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.

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

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SECOND READING

2 Cor 5: 20-6: 2

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.

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.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Cf. Psalm 95: 8

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

GOSPEL

Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

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 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 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.”

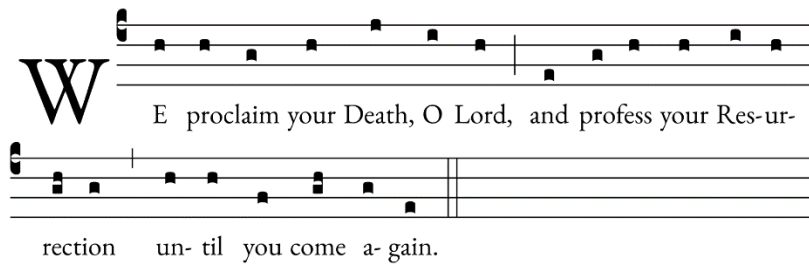
Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

SANCTUS

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.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH



W E proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Res-ur-
rection un-til you come a- gain.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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