

ASH WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7:30 am and 12:15 pm

INTROIT: Psalm 57.1 (Antiphon 51.17)

THE SACRIFICE of God is a troubled spirit / a broken and contrite heart,
O God, shalt thou not despise. (Ps) Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee.

GLORY BE to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end, Amen.

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*The people kneel and the mass begins as usual
with the Collect for Purity*

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LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

V/ The Lord be with you;

R/ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that 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 our Lord. *Amen*

FIRST READING: Joel 2.1-2,12-17

BLow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near — a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be

again after them in ages to come. “Yet even now,” says the Lord, “return to me, with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether the Lord will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain 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 aged; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, “Spare thy people, O Lord, and do not make thine heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”

V/ The word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God

TRACT: Psalm 103.8-14

(Congregation remains seated)

- 8 THE LORD is full of compassion and gracious :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not alway be chiding :
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins :
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth :
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west :
so far hath he set our sins from us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children :
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth whereof we are made :
he remembereth that we are but dust.

SECOND READING: James 4.6-10

GOD bestoweth abundant grace; wherefore the Scripture saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye

sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

V/ The word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God

After which, all stand for

GOSPEL: Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

R/ Glory be to thee, O Lord

AND JESUS spake unto his disciples, saying: Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. Moreover when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face, that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

V/ The Gospel of Christ

R/ Praise be to thee, O Christ

THE BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

The presider then addresses the people, saying:

BROTHERS AND SISTERS in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover, we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole. I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

The people kneel and silence is kept for a space.

V/ MAKE ME a clean heart, O God;

R/ And renew a right spirit within me.

The presider blesses the Ashes, saying:

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast created us out of the dust of the earth: **AB**I(+)ess and sanc(+)**TI**fy these ashes, that they may be to us a sign of our mortality and our penitence, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given eternal life; through Christ our Lord.
Amen

The people then move forward to receive the ashes; the presider imposing them on the head of each, saying:

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

After the imposition the people remain kneeling and, eventually, join with the presider in saying these verses of the following psalm:

PSALM 51 — *Miserere*

HAVE MERCY upon me, O God, after thy great goodness :
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness :
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults :
and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned :
and done that which is evil in thy sight.

Make me a clean heart, O God :
and renew a right spirit within me.

Then the presider offers this prayer:

LORD, give us grace to enter the season of Lent as a company sworn to thy allegiance, equipped by thy word and sacraments for combat with every assault of evil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Please feel free to sit while the elements are prepared at the altar, standing as soon as the presider is ready to say the Prayer over the Gifts and begin the Eucharistic Prayer. Remain standing through the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer (the Great Thanksgiving) kneeling at the Sanctus.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

FATHER, turn us from sin to faithfulness by our Lenten discipline, accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen*

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

V/ The Lord be with you;

R/ And with thy spirit.

V/ Lift up your hearts;

R/ We lift them up unto the Lord.

V/ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

R/ It is meet and right so to do.

IT IS VERY MEET, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

WHO HAST bidden us thy faithful people to cleanse our hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism, and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

The people kneel

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

BLESSÈD is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING AND GLORY and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his

death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

R. Amen.

OUR FATHER

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

After a short period of silence the Presider says:

THE PEACE of the LORD be always with you:

R. And with thy spirit.

Then shall the Presider kneel down at the Lord's Table, and shall, together with all that shall receive the Communion, humbly say this prayer following:

E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting Win 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.

The consecrated Bread is broken and the presider says:

O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O LORD our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart; that so desiring, we may seek and find thee; and so finding, may love thee; and so loving, may hate those sins from which thou hast delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

CHRIST give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

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