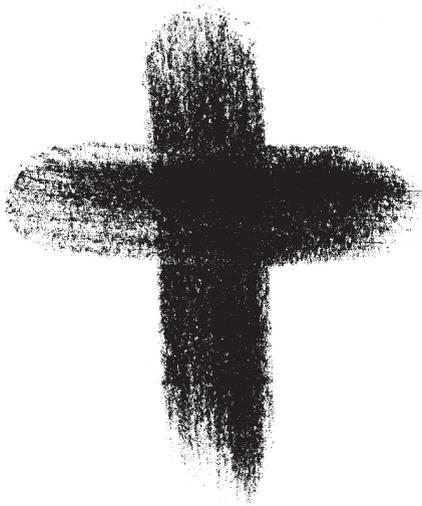




LITURGY *of the* WORD



Ash Wednesday



February 17, 2021

INTRODUCTORY RITES



OPENING HYMN

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

ERHALT UNS HERR



1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast, A gift of
2. We pray, O bless - ed Three - in - One, Our God while



faith from ag - es past, This Lent which binds us
end - less a - es run, That this, our Lent of



lov - ing - ly To faith and hope and char - i - ty.
for - ty days, May bring us growth and give you praise.

GREETING

COLLECT

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FIRST READING

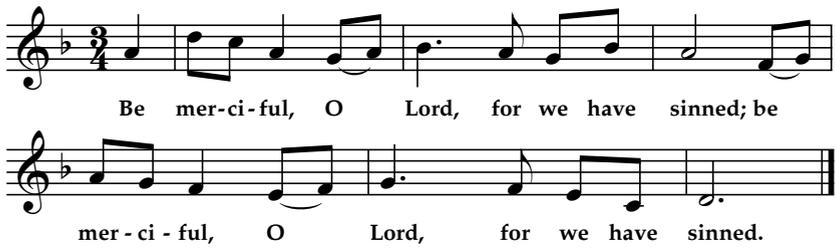
Joel 2:12-18

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

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



Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be
mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,
in your compassion, blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and my sorrow,
and cleanse me from all of my sin.

My offenses, truly I know them,
and my sins are always before me;
against you alone have I sinned, O Lord,
what is evil in your sight I have done.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
put your steadfast spirit in my soul.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
and take not your spirit from me.

Give back to me the joy of your salvation,
let your willing spirit bear me up
and I shall teach your way to the ones
who have wandered, and bring them
all home to your side.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Ps. 95:8

Cantor first time, then all


Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo-ry!

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

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."

HOMILY

BLESSING of ASHES

DISTRIBUTION of ASHES

Come Back to the Lord

Leo Nestor

Antiphon



Come back to the Lord with all your heart;



leave the past in ashes.

Parce Domine

plainchant, Mode I



Par-ce Do-mi-ne, par-ce po-pu-lo tu-o:



ne in ae-ter-num i-ra-sca-ris no-bis.

Spare, O Lord, spare your people, lest you be angry with us forever.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Our response is, Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING RITES



BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Remember Me

Taizé

Ostinato Refrain



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.



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**The weekend Mass schedule during
Phase III will be as follows:**

Sat.	5:30	PM	English
Sun.	7:30	AM	English
	9:30	AM	English
	11:30	AM	English
	1:30	PM	Spanish
	3:30	PM	Spanish
	5:30	PM	English
	7:00	PM	Spanish

***N.B.** The 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM Masses will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. Social distancing restrictions are still in place.*



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