



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024 at 7 P.M.



ORDER OF MASS

Ash Wednesday

INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT

Miseris omnium, Domine, et nihil odisti
eorum quae fecisti, dissimulans
peccata hominum propter paenitentiam, et
parcens illis: quia tu es Dominus Deus noster.

Ÿ. Miserere mei Deus, miserere mei:
quoniam in te confidit anima mea.

Ÿ. Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat
in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

At the ringing of the sacristy bell, all stand as the choir sings:

*You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise
nothing that you have made. You overlook
people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and
you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.*

Ÿ. *Have mercy on me, God, have mercy on me:
for in you my soul has taken refuge.*

Ÿ. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Antiphon: after Wisdom 11:24–25, 27. Versicle: Psalm 57:2a

Music: Dominican Chant

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

COLLECT

Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

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?’”

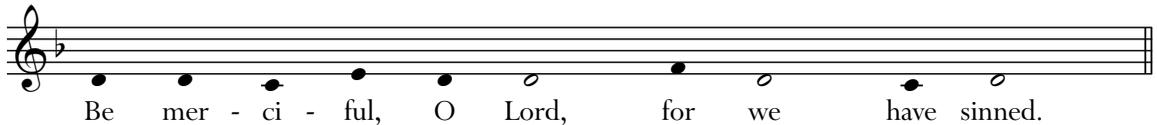
Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 and 17



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. *℟.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Miserere mei, adapted Christopher Holman

READING II

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.

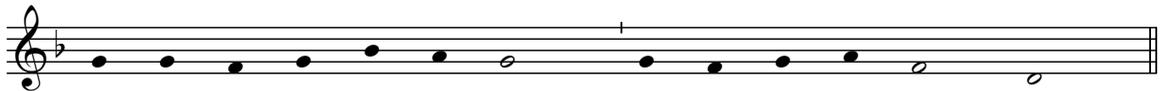
Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: *In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.* Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand



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

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

Verse: after Psalm 95:8

Music: Plainchant

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

The Reverend John Paul Walker, O.P.

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly ask God our Father that he be pleased to bless with the abundance of his grace these ashes, which we will put on our heads in penitence.

The priest blesses the ashes and sprinkles them with holy water.

ANTIPHON

As the ashes are distributed, the choir sings:

Immutemur habitu, in cinere et cilicio:
jejunemus, et ploremus ante Dominum:
quia multum misericors est dimittere
peccata nostra Deus noster.

*Let us change our habits to sackcloth and ashes,
let us fast and weep before the Lord,
that our God, rich in mercy,
might forgive our sins.*

Ÿ. Miserere mei, Deus, secundum
magnam misericordiam tuam;
et secundum multitudinem
miserationum tuarum,
dele iniquitatem meam.

Ÿ. *Have mercy on me, O God, according
to your merciful love;
according to your
great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.*

Ÿ. Cor mundum crea in me, Deus,
et spiritum rectum innova
in visceribus meis.
Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus;
cor contritum et humiliatum,
Deus, non despicias.

Ÿ. Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae,
oblaciones et holocausta; tunc
inponent super altare tuum vitulos.

Ÿ. Gloria Patri...

Ÿ. Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit
within me.
My sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit:
a contrite and humbled heart,
O God, you will not despise.

Ÿ. Then you will delight in just sacrifice,
oblations and burnt offerings; then you
will be offered young calves on your altar.

Ÿ. Glory be to the Father...

*Antiphon: after Joel 2:17. Versicles: Psalm 51:1, 12 and 19, 21
Music: Dominican Chant*

ANTIPHON

Exaudi nos, Domine, quoniam benigna est
misericordia tua: secundum multitudinem
miserationum tuarum respice nos, Domine.

Ÿ. Salvum me fac Deus:
quoniam intraverunt aquae
usque ad animam meam.

Ÿ. Infixus sum in limo profundi:
et non est substantia.

Ÿ. Veni in altitudinem maris:
et tempestas demersit me.

Ÿ. Laboravi clamans raucae
factae sunt fauces meae:
defecerunt oculi mei
dum spero in Deum meum.

Ÿ. Gloria Patri...

The choir sings (if needed):

*Hear us, Lord, for kind is
your mercy; in your great compassion
turn toward us, O Lord.*

Ÿ. Save me, O God,
for the waters have risen
even unto my soul.

Ÿ. I have sunk into the deep mire,
where there is no foothold.

Ÿ. I have entered the waters of the deep,
and the flood overwhelms me.

Ÿ. I am wearied with crying aloud;
my throat is parched,
my eyes are wasted away
with waiting for my God.

Ÿ. Glory be to the Father...

*Antiphon: after Psalm 69:17. Versicles: Psalm 69:2, 3a, 3b, 4
Music: Dominican Chant*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Each petition concludes with:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

After the final petition, the celebrant says a collect, to which all respond:

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

All sit. The choir sings:

Exaltabo te Domine,
quoniam suscepisti me,
nec delectasti inimicos meos super me:
Domine clamavi ad te,
et sanasti me.

*I will extol you, Lord,
for you have raised me up
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, I have cried to you,
and you have healed me.*

*Words: Psalm 30:2–3
Music: Dominican Chant*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

All stand

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

As we solemnly offer the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent, we entreat you, O Lord,
that, through works of penance and charity we may turn away from harmful pleasures, and
cleanses from our sins, may become worthy to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The celebrant says the Preface. At the end, all sing:

Cantor: *All:*

San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.
Holy, *Holy,* *Holy Lord God of Hosts.*

Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.
Full are heaven and earth of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

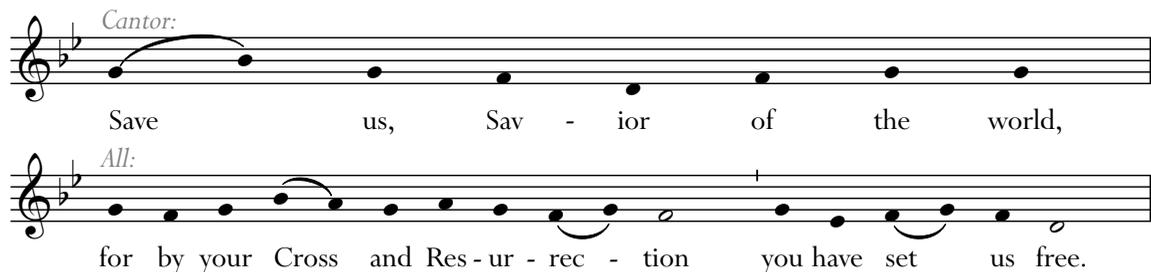
Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVIII "Deus Genitor alme"

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

The celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:

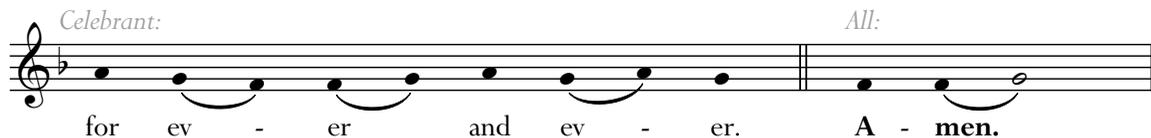
The mystery of faith.



Cantor:
Save us, Sav - ior of the world,
All:
for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the paten with the host, and raising both, sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,



Celebrant:
for ev - er and ev - er.
All:
A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All stand

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: *Peace I leave you, my peace I give you*, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign of peace

AGNUS DEI

Cantor: *All:*

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Lamb of God, *who takes away the sins of the world,* *have mercy on us.*

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.
Lamb of God, *who takes away the sins of the world,* *grant us peace.*

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVIII "Deus Genitor alme"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All kneel

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION

The choir sings:

Qui meditabitur in lege
Domini die ac nocte,
dabit fructum suum in tempore suo.

*He who ponders the law
of the Lord day and night
will yield fruit in due season.*

Ÿ. Domine exaudi orationem meam
et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Ÿ. *O Lord, hear my prayer,
and let my cry come to you.*

Ÿ. Quia cinerem tamquam
panem manducavi,
et poculum meum cum fletu miscebam.

Ÿ. *For I have eaten ashes
like bread,
and mingled tears with my drink.*

Ÿ. Respexit in orationem humilium
et non spreuit precem eorum.

Ÿ. *He looked upon the prayers of the humble
and did not despise their prayers.*

Ÿ. Gloria Patri...

Ÿ. *Glory be to the Father...*

*Antiphon: after Psalm 1:2–3
Verses: Psalm 102:2, 10, 18
Music: Dominican Chant*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

May the Sacrament we have received sustain us, O Lord, that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you and be for us a healing remedy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

All bow

Pour out a spirit of compunction, O God, on those who bow before your majesty, and by your mercy may they merit the rewards you promise to those who do penance. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

All kneel

**Saint 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.

HYMN

All stand and sing:

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Saint Michael Hymnal 515