



Ash Wednesday
Order for the Blessing and
Distribution of Ashes
& Music for Liturgy



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

Hosea

Verses



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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Come back to me | with all your heart. |
| & Trees do bend, | 'though straight and tall; |
| 2. The wil - der - ness | will lead you |
| In - teg - ri - ty | and jus - tice; |
| 3. & You shall sleep | se - cure with peace; |



Don't let fear	keep us a - part.
so must we	to oth - ers' call. <i>(To refrain)</i>
to your heart	where I will speak.
With ten - der - ness,	& you shall know. <i>(To refrain)</i>
faith - ful - ness	will be your joy. <i>(To refrain)</i>

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Text: Based on Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16,21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Norbet, b.1940
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Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1

JI 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.

Psalm

BE MERCIFUL, O LORD

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

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord; be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned." The melody is simple and melodic, with a final cadence on the word "sinned."

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Reading 2

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain

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

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."

Homily

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE

Jim Farrell

Refrain

Save your peo-ple, O Lord. Show us the way to come

home. We have been wan-der-ing far from your love. Save your

Verses

peo-ple, O Lord.

1. One thing I ask, O
2. For you will hide me in the
3. Lis - ten, O Lord, to the
4. Thus will I bless you all the

1. Lord, this I seek: to dwell for - ev - er in your
2. shel - ter of your wings and from the ar - rows of my
3. sound of my call, for I ac - knowl - edge my of -
4. days of my life. Lift - ing my hands, I call your

1. house, that I may gaze on your love - li - ness
2. foes. You set me high on a moun - tain - top,
3. fense. Wash me and I shall be pur - i - fied.
4. name: "O Lord, re - mem - ber your in - her - i - tance.

to Refrain

1. all the days of my life.
2. saved me from my dis - tress.
3. I shall be whit - er than snow.
4. Save your peo - ple, O Lord!"

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways

D.C.
dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

Return to God

Refrain

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry,
give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

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Invitation to Pray

Pray my brothers and sisters.....

Response: 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.

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

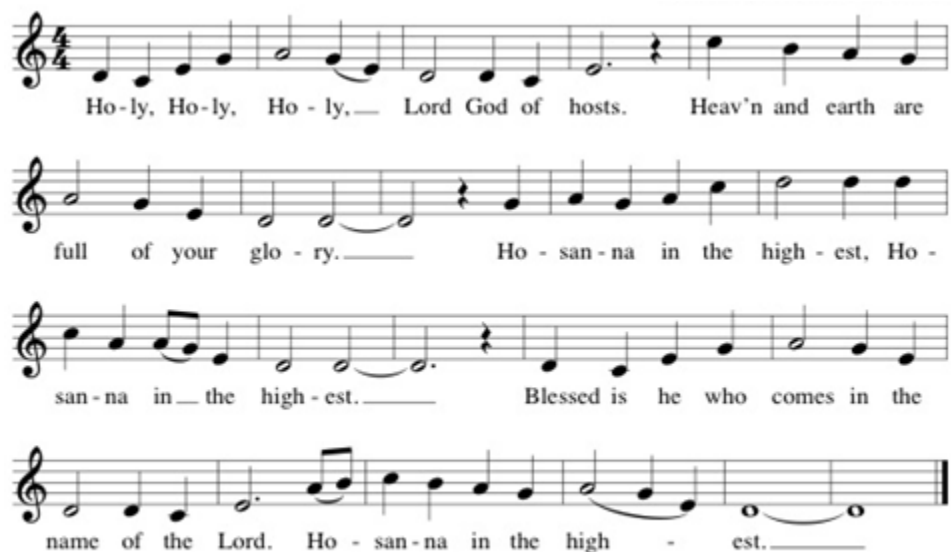
Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Wondrous Love

Holy – Mass of Wondrous Love



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Memorial Acclamation

Wondrous Love Mass
Paul Hillebrand and Kevin Keil



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

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Amen

Wondrous Love Mass
Paul Hillebrand and Kevin Keil



A-men, a-men, a-men.

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COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Response: And with your Spirit

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God

Wondrous Love Mass
Paul Hillebrand and Kevin Keil

Cantor/Choir/Assembly

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,

1-2 All
mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

3 All
do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Song:

Change Our Hearts

Refrain

Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can
be. Change our minds, this time, Your life could make us
free. We are the peo - ple Your call set a - part,
Lord, this time change our hearts.

Verses

1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams.
2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands,
3. Show us the way that leads to your side,
One foot in par - a - dise, one in the waste.
of - 'fring a - bun - dan - ces, full - ness of joy.
o - ver the moun - tains and sands of the soul.
Drawn by your prom - is - es, still we are
Your milk and hon - ey seem dis - tant, un -
Be for us man - na, wa - ter from
D.C.
lured by the shad - ows and the chains we leave be - hind. But
real, when we have bread and wa - ter in our hands. But
stone, 7 light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

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Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Sending Song:

Ashes



1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we
3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let
4. † Thanks be to the Fa - ther, who



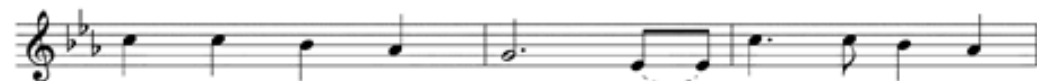
good we've failed to do. We rise a - gain from
of - fer you at - tempts, The gifts not ful - ly
heal - ing come to pain, Though spring has turned
made us like him - self. Thanks be to the



ash - es, to cre - ate our - selves a - new. If
giv - en, the dreams not ful - ly dreamt. Give our
win - ter, and sun - shine turned to rain. The
Son, who saved us by his death.



all our world is ash - es, then
stum - bl - ings di - rec - tion, give our
rain we'll use for grow - ing, and cre -
Thanks be to the Spir - it, who cre -



must our lives be true, An of - fer - ing of
vi - sions wid - er view, An of - fer - ing of
ate the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of
ates the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of



ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.

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