



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



*INTRODUCTORY RITES*

Gathering Song:

**LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS**

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1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and  
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, And did the vic - t'ry  
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra-cious  
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas-sion-  
5. A - bide with us that when this life Of suf - fer-ing is



1. pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.  
2. win, O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con-quer sin.  
3. Lord, To die to self, and al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.  
4. tide, For - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
5. past, An Ea-ster of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

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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

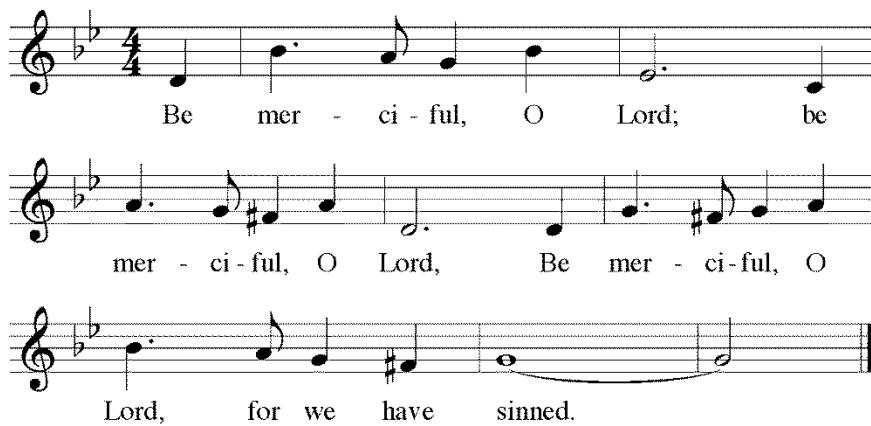
and leave behind him a blessing,  
Offerings and libations  
for the LORD, your God.

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.

## 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

*Wondrous Love Mass*  
Paul Hillebrand and Kevin Keil

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff is a Refrain, starting with a treble clef, a common time signature, and a key of A major. It features a repeating pattern of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, also in common time and A major, with a similar repeating pattern of notes.

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## 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

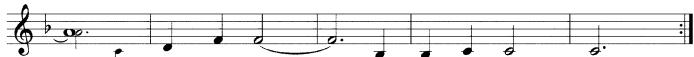
## Songs During Distribution of Ashes

### Hosea

#### Verses



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

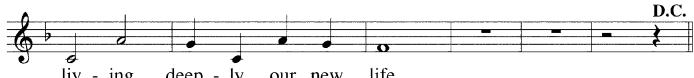


Don't let fear keep us a - part.  
 so must we to oth - ers' call. *(To refrain)*  
 to your heart where I will speak.  
 With ten - der - ness, *you shall know. (To refrain)*  
 faith - ful - ness will be your joy. *(To refrain)*

#### Refrain



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



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

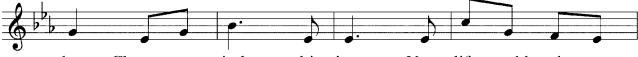
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### Change Our Hearts

#### 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, γ light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

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### Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Preparation Song:

**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  
 peo-ple, O Lord.

**Verses**

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!"

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## Invitation to Pray

Pray 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

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

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Amen

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A - men, a - men, 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

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Cantor/Choir/Assembly

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
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:

### 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.

Verses

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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## 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 to  
 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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