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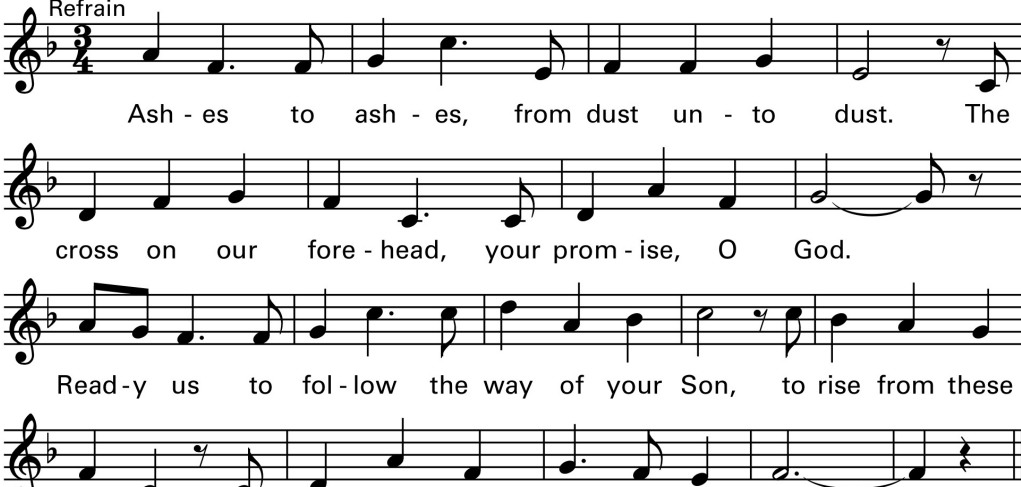
ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February 2024

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Ashes to Ashes


Dan Schutte

Refrain



Ash - es to ash - es, from dust un - to dust. The
cross on our fore - head, your prom - ise, O God.
Read - y us to fol - low the way of your Son, to rise from these
ash - es, re - deemed in the fire of your love.

Verses: Ash Wednesday



1. Sound the trum - pet in Zi - on, an - nounce from the Lord
2. Rend your hearts, not your gar - ments; re - turn to the Lord,
3. We have seen in the heav - ens and held in our arms
4. Let us fast from un - kind - ness and turn from our greed,
5. Though this life that we trea - sure must fade like the grass,
to Refrain
1. that the day of God's fa - vor is ev - er close at hand.
2. who de - lights when we of - fer a tru - ly hum - ble heart.
3. what the hand of our Mak - er can fash - ion out of dust.
4. giv - ing bread to the hun - gry and lift - ing up the poor.
5. heav - en's glo - ry a - waits those who put their trust in God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Joel 2: 12-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Marty Haugen

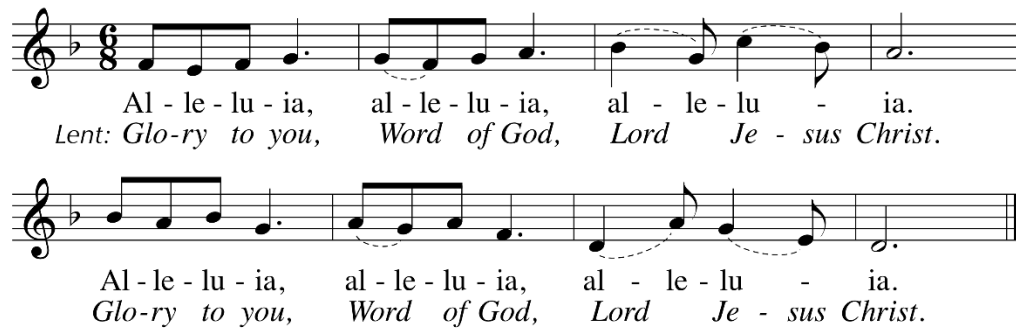
Refrain



Verses

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Lent: Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

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Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

GOSPEL | Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

HOMILY

BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF ASHES

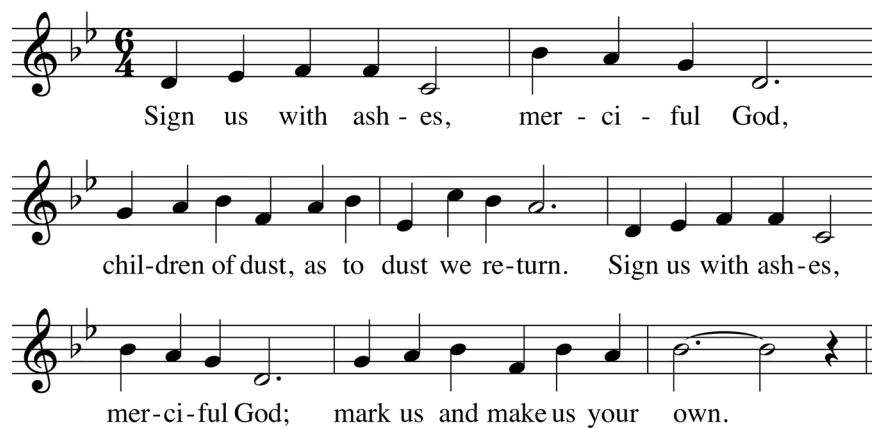
PRAYER

BLESSING OF ASHES WITH HOLY WATER

The ashes used today come from the branches blessed last year for Palm Sunday.

RECEPTION OF ASHES | Sign Us with Ashes

William P. Rowan



Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God,
 chil-dren of dust, as to dust we re-turn. Sign us with ash-es,
 mer-ci-ful God; mark us and make us your own.

Hosea

Gregory Norbet

Verses

1. Come back to me with all your heart.
 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. (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.

Ubi Caritas

Chris De Silva

U - bi ca - ri - tas, u - bi ca - ri - tas et a -
 mor, where char - i - ty and love meet,
 God is there. In our care for all, we
 live this call to wash each oth - er's feet. U - bi
 ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est. U - bi
 ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

Refrain



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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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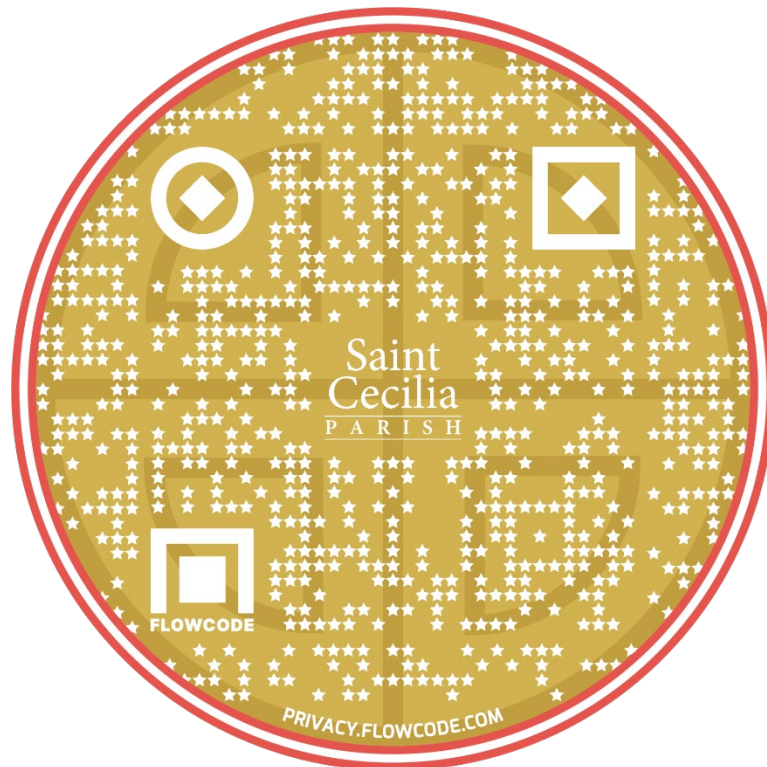
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell



1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
cern my pur - pose from a - far, And with
known its mean - ing through and through. You are
search for shel - ter from your light. There is
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: Ev - er the
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: In ev - 'ry
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: E - ven the
won - der of who I am I praise you: Safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
mo - ment of life or death, you are.
pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

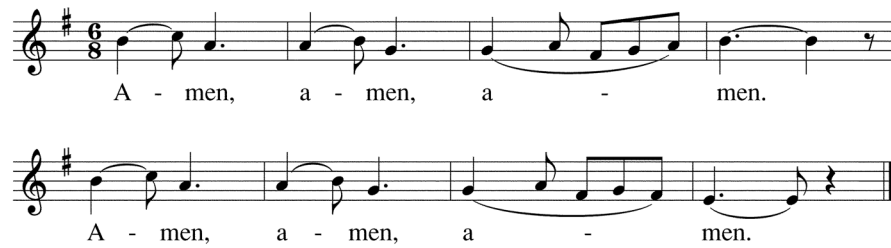
All: It is right and just.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

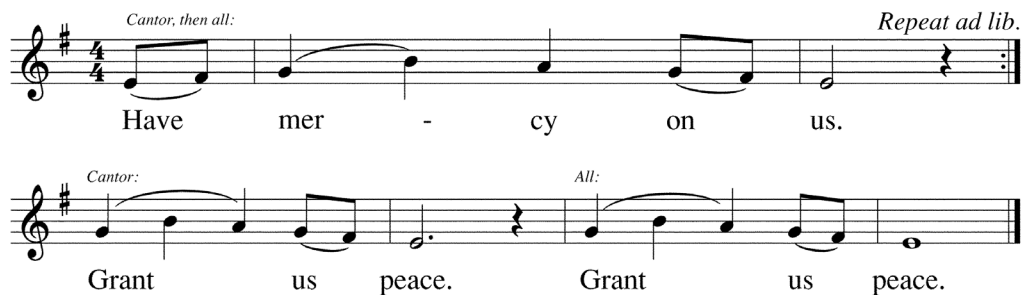


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD | Mass of the Angels and Saints



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an “Act of Spiritual Communion.” When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

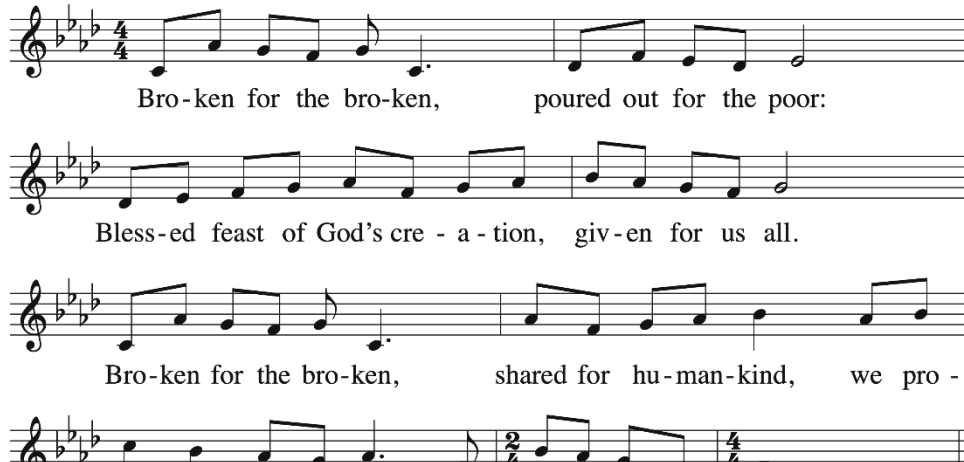
Loving Jesus, I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION | Broken for the Broken


Chris de Silva

Refrain




Bro-ken for the bro-ken, poured out for the poor:
Bless-ed feast of God's cre - a - tion, giv-en for us all.
Bro-ken for the bro-ken, shared for hu-man-kind, we pro -
claim your death, O Lord: God's sac-ri-fice and sign.

Verses



1. For the hun - gry ones,	for the thirst - y ones,
2. For the ones a - bus-ed,	for the ones con - fused,
3. For the voice - less ones,	for the help - less ones,
4. For the wound - ed ones,	for the shat - tered ones,
5. For the ones in chains,	for the ones in fear,
6. For the ail - ing ones,	for the hurt - ing ones,
7. As we break this bread,	as we take this cup,
8. As we trust your word,	as we live your way,
9. Change our hearts, O Lord,	give us will - ing hearts,



for the lone - ly ones, you call us to serve, to be
for the ones re - fused, you call us to love, to be
for the home - less ones, you call us to speak, to be
for the ti - red ones, you call us to help, to be
for the ones in debt, you call us to give, to be
for the dy - ing ones, you call us to care, to be
as we share this meal, you call us to change, to be
as we walk by faith, you call us to share, to be
hearts that rec - og - nize the cour - age to serve and share

D.C.



1.-8. Christ for each oth - er, bro - ken for the world.
9. Christ with each oth - er, bro - ken for the world.

Touch me with ashes, teach me Your way. Here in this silence, reach me, I pray.
Kneeling before You, Lord, I implore You: Kyrie eleison.

Grant me mercy. Show me Your face. Here in this moment, clothe me in grace.
Kneeling before You, Lord, I implore You: Kyrie eleison.

Life is a vapor, a dream fading fast. Only the things of the Spirit will last.
We are like dust, with beginning and end, a flower that fades, a reed in the wind.

Lord, I am weary, weak and alone. Lord, I am listening; speak to my soul.
Kneeling before You, Lord, I implore You: Kyrie eleison.

CONCLUDING RITES

✠ The Lord be with you.

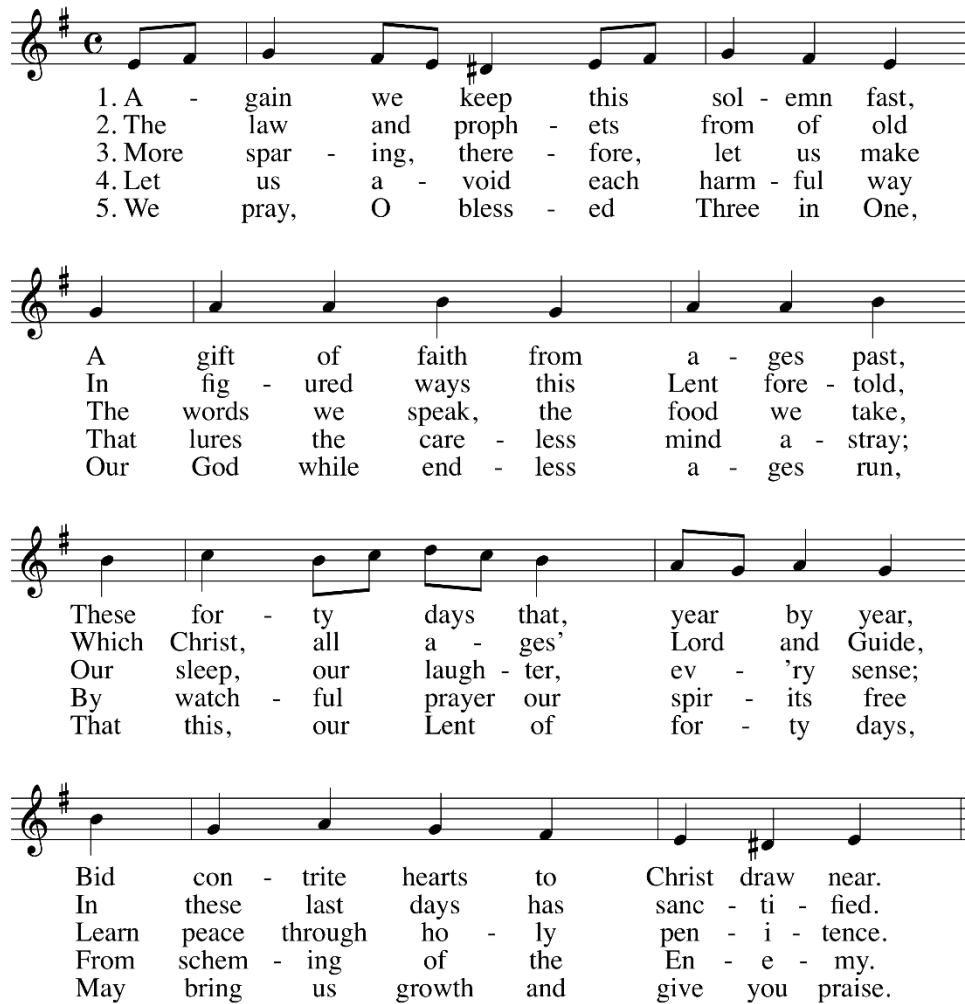
All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.



1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast,
 2. The law and proph - ets from of old
 3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make
 4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way
 5. We pray, O bless - ed Three in One,

A gift of faith from a - ges past,
 In fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told,
 The words we speak, the food we take,
 That lures the care - less mind a - stray;
 Our God while end - less a - ges run,

These for - ty days that, year by year,
 Which Christ, all a - ges' Lord and Guide,
 Our sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - 'ry sense;
 By watch - ful prayer our spir - its free
 That this, our Lent of for - ty days,

Bid con - trite hearts to Christ draw near.
 In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
 Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.
 From schem - ing of the En - e - my.
 May bring us growth and give you praise.

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