

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Catholic Parish

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The First Day of Lent  
Commonly called Ash Wednesday  
5 March 2025

## Choral Mass

### The Blessing and Imposition of the Ashes

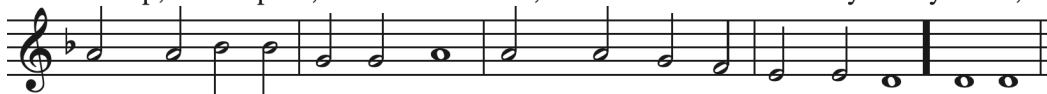
ProceSSIONAL  
Heinlein

Hymn 55

M.H., in *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch*, 1676



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights Thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2. Shall not we thy sor - row share And from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3. Then if Sa - tan on us presss, Flesh or spi - rit to as - sail,  
4. So shall we have peace di - vine: Ho - lier glad - ness our shall be;  
5. Keep, O keep us, Sa - viour dear, Ev - er con - stant by thy side;



For - ty days and for - ty nights Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed. A - men.  
Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, Strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!  
Round us, too, shall an - gels shine, Such as min - is - tered to thee.  
That with thee we may ap - pear At the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

George Hunt Smyttan, 1856, alt.

### Introit

Collect for Purity  
Summary of the Law

BCP 67  
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### Kyrie Eleison

Hymn 702

John Merbecke, 1549



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Collect for Ash Wednesday

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## For the Epistle

*Joel 2:12-17*

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TURN ye even to me, saith the LORD, with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat-offering and a drink-offering unto the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

## Gradual and Tract

### The Gospel

*St. Matthew 6:16-21*

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time ; Jesus said unto his disciples : When ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism

for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

**A Homily for Ash Wednesday**

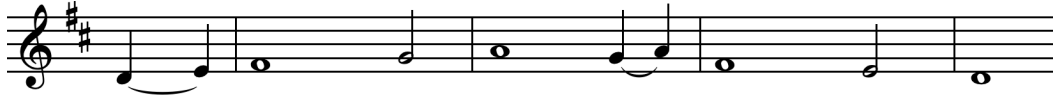
The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

**Offertory Verse and Sentences**

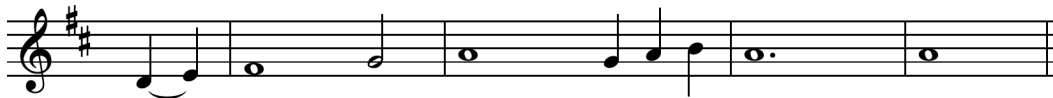
**Offertory Hymn**

St. Columba

Hymn 345, 1<sup>st</sup> Tune  
Traditional Irish Melody



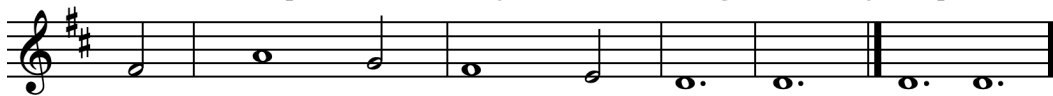
1. The King of love my shep - herd is,  
 2. Where streams of li - ving wa - ter flow,  
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed,  
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
 5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight;  
 6. And so through all the length of days



Whose good - ness fail - eth ne - ver;  
 My ran - somed soul he lead - eth,  
 But yet in love he sought me,  
 With thee, dear Lord, be - side me;  
 Thy unc - tion grace be - stow - eth;  
 Thy good - ness fail - eth ne - ver;



I no - thing lack if I am his,  
 And where the ver - dant pas - tures grow,  
 And on his shoul - der gent - ly laid,  
 Thy rod and staff my com - fort still,  
 And O what trans - port of de - light  
 Good Shep - herd, may I sing thy praise



And he is mine for ev - er. A - men.  
 With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 And home, re - joi - cing, brought me.  
 Thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 From thy pure cha - lice flow - eth!  
 With - in thy house for ev - er.

Henry Williams Baker, 1868; based on Psalm 23

**Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

**Bidding Prayers**

## Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

## Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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## General Confession

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Absolution

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## The Comfortable Words

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## Sursum Corda

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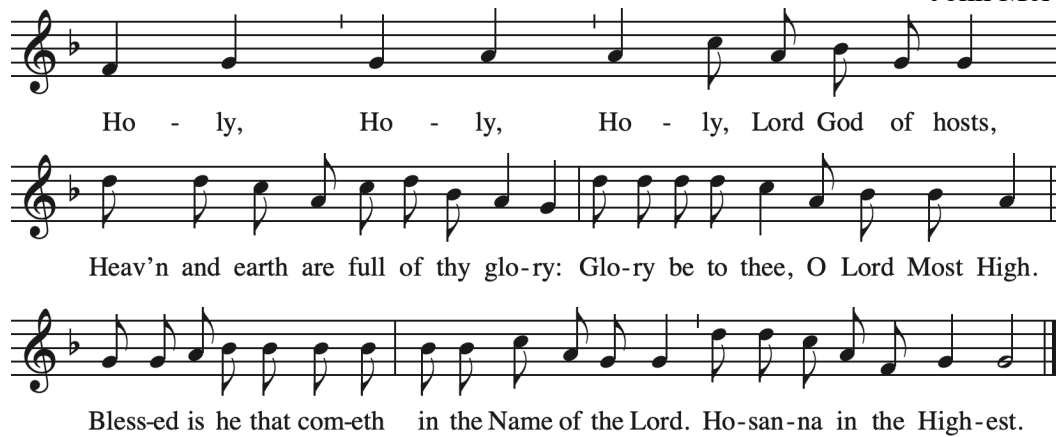
The musical score for 'Sursum Corda' is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the Priest, with lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.' The second staff is for the Priest, with lyrics 'Lift up your hearts.' The third staff is for All, with lyrics 'We lift them up unto the Lord.' The fourth staff is for the Priest, with lyrics 'Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.' The fifth staff is for All, with lyrics 'It is meet and right so to do.'

## Preface

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## Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 796  
John Merbecke, 1549



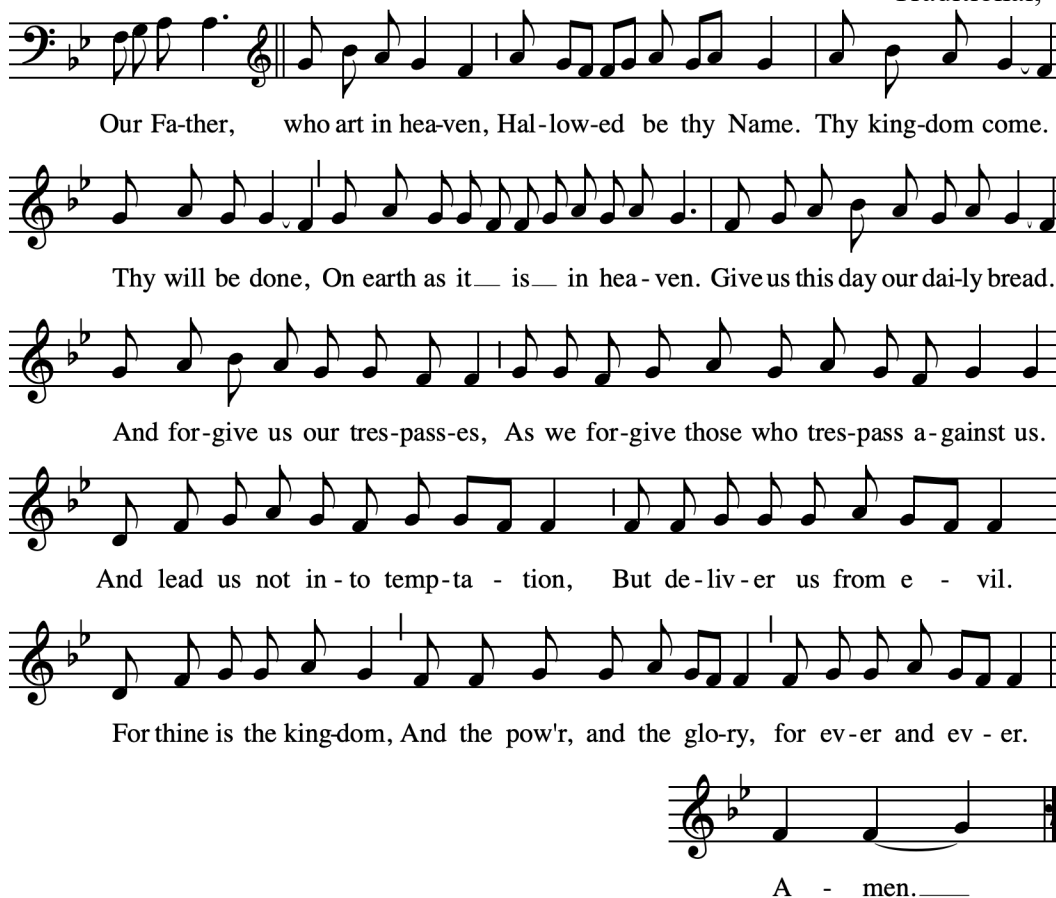
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,  
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

## Prayer of Consecration

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Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
**The Lord's Prayer**

Hymn 722  
Traditional, very ancient



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.  
Thy will be done, On earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.  
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil.  
For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.  
A - men. —

## The Fracture

### The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

### Prayer of Humble Access

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*By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:*

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

### Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:*

1. *Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.  
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
2. *Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
3. *You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

*As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.*

*For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.*

*In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.*

*Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.*

**Communion Hymn**

Hymn 189

Unde Et Memores

William H. Monk, 1875



1. And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love That bought us, once for  
 2. Look, Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, And on - ly look on  
 3. And then for those, our dear - est and our best, By this pre - vail - ing  
 4. And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, Most pa - tient Sa - viour,



all, on Cal - vary's tree, And hav - ing with us him that pleads a -  
 us as found in him; Look not on our mis - us - ings of thy  
 pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er to thy mer - cy's  
 who canst love us still! And by this food, so aw - ful and so



bove, We here pre - sent, we here spread forth to thee, That  
 grace, Our prayer so lan - guid, and our faith so dim; For  
 breast! O do thine ut - most for their souls' true weal! From  
 sweet, De - li - ver us from e - very touch of ill: In



on - ly of - fring per - fect in thine eyes, The  
 lo! be - tween our sins and their re - ward, We  
 taint - ing mis - chief keep them white and clear, And  
 thine own ser - vice make us glad and free, And



one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice. A - men.  
 set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.  
 crowthy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.  
 grant us ne - ver - more to part with thee.

William Bright, 1874

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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*By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers

### Dismissal

#### Episcopal Blessing

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

People: From this time forth forever more.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### A Penitential Office for Ash Wednesday

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#### Psalm 51

*Miserere, Deus*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; \* according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, \* and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; \* that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, \* and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, \* and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \* thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, \* and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, \* and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, \* and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, \* and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; \* and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, \* and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: \* a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

*All:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

*Minister:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All:* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Minister:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All:* 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. Amen.



*Minister:* O Lord, save thy servants;  
*All:* That put their trust in thee.  
*Minister:* Send unto them help from above.  
*All:* And evermore mightily defend them.  
*Minister:* Help us, O God our Saviour.  
*All:* And for the glory of thy Name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners, for thy Name's sake.  
*Minister:* O Lord, hear our prayer.  
*All:* And let our cry come unto thee.  
*Minister:* Let us pray.  
O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All:* Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Minister:* O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE LORD bless us, and keep us. The LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The LORD lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

**Retiring Processional:**

Langran

Hymn 58

James Langran, 1862



1. Wea - ry of earth, and la - den with my sin,  
 2. The while I fain would tread the heav'n - ly way  
 3. It is the voice of Je - sus that I hear;  
 4. 'Twas he who found me on the death - ly wild,  
 5. O great Ab - sol - ver, grant my soul may wear  
 6. Yea, thou wilt an - swer for me, right - eous Lord;



I look at heav'n and long to en - ter in,  
 E - vil is ev - er with me day by day;  
 His are the hands stretched out to draw me near,  
 And made me heir of heav'n, the fa - ther's child,  
 The low - liest garb of pen - i - tence and prayer,  
 Thine all the mer - its, mine the great re - ward;



But there no e - vil thing may find a home:  
 Yet on mine ears the gra - cious ti - dings fall:  
 And his the blood that can for all a - tone,  
 And day by day, where - by my soul may live,  
 That in the Fa - ther's courts my glo - rious dress  
 Thine the sharp thorns, and mine the gol - den crown;



And yet I hear a voice that bids me "Come."  
 "Re - pent, con - fess, thou shalt be loosed from all."  
 And set me fault - less there be - fore the throne.  
 Gives me his grace of par - don, and will give.  
 May be the gar - ment of thy right - eous - ness.  
 Mine the life won, and thine the life laid down.

A-men.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

**Announcements**

Celebrant

Epistoler

Acolytes

Altar Guild

Zoom Wrangler

The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch

Robert Jones

Robert Jones and Tony Shehata

Gretchen Martin

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After the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass, the gate will be reopened following the conclusion of the Mass.

The Blessed Ashes will also be Imposed prior to the beginning of Mass this coming Sunday (being on First Sunday in Lent) for those unable to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday but wish to receive them.

Be sure to SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD SATURDAY NIGHT as Pacific Daylight Savings Time comes roaring back next Sunday!

Our Thanks to Gretchen Martin for hosting, and kitchen team of Debbie Ruiz and Nancy Jones for preparing and serving the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Nineteen hungry members were present to enjoy the delicious dinner. 'Twas Yummy for the Tummy!

If you wish to avail yourself of a Private Confession during Lent, make an appointment with Bishop for a time convenient to you.

Our traditional Lenten Study Series will occur the following Wednesdays in Lent: March 12th, 19th and 26th, and April 2nd and 9th. Evenings will begin with Evening Prayer followed either by a meatless pot-luck meal, or desert only. We will continue our study of Shannon Bream's book, *Women of the Bible Speak*. There is a Sign Up list for the names of those who are willing to host an evening (or two!).