

Ash Wednesday

Blessing of Ashes & Solemn Mass

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6:15 pm



REMEMBER, O MAN, THAT DUST THOU ART,
AND UNTO DUST SHALT THOU RETURN.



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Welcome to St Bart's, Regent Park!

Remember, O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

These words, spoken for the first time by God to Adam after he had committed sin, are repeated today by the Church to every Christian, in order to remind him of two fundamental truths—his nothingness and the reality of death.

Dust, the ashes which the priest puts on our foreheads today, has no substance; the lightest breath will disperse it. It is a good representation of man's nothingness: 'O Lord, my substance is as nothing before Thee' (Psalm 38:6), exclaims the Psalmist. Our pride, our arrogance, needs to grasp this truth, to realize that everything in us is nothing. Drawn from nothing by the creative power of God, by His infinite love which willed to communicate His being and His life to us, we cannot—because of sin—be reunited with Him for eternity without passing through the dark reality of death. The consequence and punishment of sin, death is, in itself, bitter and painful; but Jesus, who wanted to be like to us in all things, in submitting to death has given all Christians the strength to accept it out of love. Nevertheless, death exists, and we should reflect on it, not in order to distress ourselves, but to arouse ourselves to do good. 'In all thy works, remember thy last end, and thou shalt never sin' (Sirach 7:40). The thought of death places before our eyes the vanity of earthly things, the brevity of life—All things are passing; God alone remains'—and therefore it urges us to detach ourselves from everything, to scorn every earthly satisfaction, and to seek God alone. The thought of death makes us understand that 'all is vanity, except to love God and serve Him alone' (Imitation of Christ I, 1,4).

'Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one death to die ... then there will be many things about which you care nothing' (St Teresa of Jesus, Maxims for Her Nuns, 68), that is, you will give up everything that has no eternal value. Only love and fidelity to God are of value for eternity. 'In the evening of life, you will be judged on love' (St John of the Cross, Spiritual Maxims: Words of Light, 57).

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Ash Wednesday

PLEASE SPEAK TO GOD BEFORE THE MASS, LISTEN TO GOD DURING THE MASS,
AND SPEAK TO EACH OTHER AFTER THE MASS. SILENCE IS GOLDEN, ESPECIALLY IN CHURCH.

BLESSING OF ASHES

Antiphon (CHOIR)

Psalm 69:17

*Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable:
turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.*

PS. 69:1 Save me, O God, for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

THEN THE PRIEST, STANDING AT THE EPISTLE CORNER OF THE ALTAR, SHALL SAY:

∞ The Lord be with you.
∞ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (THE PEOPLE KNEEL)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we beseech thee to spare them that are penitent, and to be favourable to them that call upon thee. Vouchsafe, we pray thee, to send thy holy Angel from heaven to bless and sanctify these ashes, that they may be a wholesome medicine to all them that humbly call upon thy holy Name, who in their consciences by sin are accused, who in the sight of thy heavenly mercy bewail their sins, and earnestly and meekly implore thy loving-kindness. And we beseech thee to grant to all them that call upon thy holy Name, that being sprinkled with these ashes for the remission of their sins, they may be preserved evermore both in body and soul. Through Christ our Lord.

∞ Amen.

Let us pray.

OGOD, who wouldest not the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live: we beseech thee to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, and of thy goodness to bless these ashes now to be set upon our heads for a token of humility and for the remission of our sins: that we, acknowledging ourselves to be but dust and ashes, and that by reason of our vileness we must return unto the same, may of thy mercy be found worthy to obtain the pardon of our offences and the reward that thou dost promise to them that are penitent. Through Christ our Lord.

∞ Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who turnest unto them that abase themselves and art favourable unto them that offer atonement: incline thy merciful ear unto our prayers; and of thy pity pour fourth upon the heads of thy servants now sprinkled with these ashes the grace of thy heavenly benediction: that they being filled with the spirit of true repentance may effectually obtain those things that they have asked according to thy will. And we beseech thee to ordain that we, being stablished in these thy blessings, may cleave unto the same to life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who upon the people of Nineveh, repenting in dust and ashes, didst bestow the healing of thy loving-kindness: mercifully grant, that we, who now do imitate them in outward fashion, may be made like unto them in the obtaining of thy pardon. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

*THE PRAYERS BEING ENDED, THE CELEBRANT SETS INCENSE IN THE THURIBLE;
AND THRICE SPRINKLES THE ASHES WITH HOLY WATER, SAYING THE ANTIPHON ASPERGES:
AND THEN THRICE INCENSES THEM.*

*THEN SHALL THE CELEBRANT, KNEELING BEFORE THE ALTAR, SET ASHES ON HIS OWN HEAD,
SAYING NOTHING. THEN SHALL THE CHOIR COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE ASHES.
FINALLY, THE PRIEST PLACES ASHES ON THE HEADS OF THE PEOPLE AT THE ALTAR RAIL,
SAYING TO EACH SEVERALLY:*

Genesis 3. Remember, O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Antiphon (CANTOR)

Joel 2

*Let us change our raiment for sackcloth and ashes:
let us fast and mourn before the Lord:
for our God is merciful to forgive us our offences.*

Antiphon (CANTOR)

Ibid.

*Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar,
and let them say: Spare, O Lord, spare thy people:
and shut not up, O Lord, the mouths of them that praise thee.*

*Let us throughly amend the things wherin we have sinnèd in ignorance:
lest, suddenly overtaken by the day of death, we seek to obtain a place of penitence,
and can in no wise find it. **

Give ear, O Lord, and have compassion, for we have trespassèd against thee.

- ∞ PS. 79 Help us, O God of our salvation:
for the glory of thy Name deliver us, O Lord.
- ℟ Give ear, O Lord, and have compassion, for we have trespassèd against thee.
- ∞ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- ℟ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- ∞ The Lord be with you.
- ℟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we, who now with prayer and fasting do put upon us the armour of our Christian warfare, being defended by the power of abstinence, may fight manfully against all spiritual wickedness. Through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

THE ENTRANCE RITES

Introit (CANTOR)

Wisdom 11:23,24,26

*Thou hast mercy on all things, O Lord,
and hatest nothing which thou hast created:
And winkest at man's iniquities, because they should amend,
And sparest all men: for they are thine, O Lord, thou lover of souls.
PSALM 57:1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me:
for my soul trusteth in thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

PLEASE KNEEL.

CELEBRANT: **O**UR 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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

CELEBRANT: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

CELEBRANT: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.
This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech thee.

Kyrie Eleison (CHOIR)

Missa Deus Genitor Alme, mode iv

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy upon us

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us

The Collect

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made,
and dost forgive the sins of all them that 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, who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson for the Epistle: Joel 2:12

LECTOR: The Lesson for the Epistle is written in Joel, beginning at the twelfth verse.

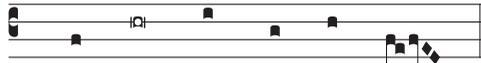
THUS saith the Lord: Turn ye even unto me also now, turn ye even to me
with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your
God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and

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? Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Gradual

Psalm 57:1,3



CANTOR: Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: *
 ALL: FOR my soul **trust**-eth in thëe.
 CANTOR: He shall send from heaven: *
 ALL: AND save me from the reproof of him **that** would eat^me üp.

Tract

Psalm 103:10, 79:8,9



CANTOR: O Lord, deal not with us after our sins:*
 nor reward us according to our wickednesses.
 ALL: O Lord, remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that **soon**.*
 for we are come to great **mi**-se^ ry.
 CANTOR: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name, O Lord: *
 ALL: O deliver us and be merciful unto our sins, for thy **Name's** sake.

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 6:16

∞ The Lord be with you.
 Ɀ And with thy spirit.

The Holy ✠ Gospel is written in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

Ɀ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AND Jesus spake unto his disciples, saying, 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 recompense thee. 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.

Sermon: The Father Vicar

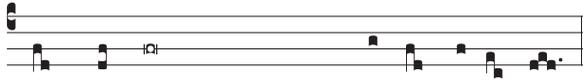
THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL (LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST)

OFFERTORY

∇ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Offertory Antiphon (CHOIR)

Psalm 30:1-3



CANTORS: I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up,
and not made my foes to triumph over me: *

ALL: Ö LÖRD my God, I cried unto thee, and **thou** häst heal-öd më.

English Hymnal N° 65 The fast, as taught by holy lore

Jesu Corona

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| 1 <i>The fast, as taught by holy lore,
We keep in solemn course once more:
The fast to all men known, and bound
In forty days of yearly round.</i> | 5 <i>Thy grace have we offended sore,
By sins, O God, which we deplore;
But pour upon us from on high,
O pardoning One, thy clemency.</i> |
| 2 <i>The law and seers that were of old
In divers ways this Lent foretold,
Which Christ, all seasons' King and guide,
In after ages sanctified.</i> | 6 <i>Remember thou, though frail we be,
That yet thine handiwork are we;
Nor let the honour of thy name
Be by another put to shame.</i> |
| 3 <i>More sparing therefore let us make
The words we speak, the food we take,
Our sleep and mirth, — and closer barred
Be every sense in holy guard.</i> | 7 <i>Forgive the sin that we have wrought;
Increase the good that we have sought;
That we at length, our wanderings oèr,
May please thee here and evermore.</i> |
| 4 <i>In prayer together let us fall,
And cry for mercy, one and all,
And weep before the Judge's feet,
And his avenging wrath entreat.</i> | 8 <i>We pray thee, Holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.</i> |

Prayer for the Catholic Church *(CELEBRANT)*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Colin our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

℟ Amen.

Confession and Absolution

CELEBRANT: **Y**E that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

ALL: ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:
We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness,
Which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty.
We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
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.

CELEBRANT: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:
Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
✠ Amen.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith
unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you. *St Matthew 11: 28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that
all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *St John 3: 16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus
came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1: 15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the
righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 St John 2: 1, 2*

CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

Sursum Corda and Preface

✠ The Lord be with you.
✠ And with thy spirit.
✠ Lift up your hearts.
✠ We lift them up unto the Lord.
✠ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
✠ It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

WHO by bodily fasting dost overcome the vice within us, dost raise the mind, and dost grant us thy power, and all that thou hast promised: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus (CHOIR)

Missa Deus Genitor Alme

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli
et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth
are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

*Benedictus ✠ qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Blessed ✠ is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

CANON OF THE MASS

CELEBRANT:

BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "DRINK YE ALL, OF THIS; FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS: DO THIS, AS OFT AS YE SHALL DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded;

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion;

And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and ✠ heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

✠ Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Pater Noster

Solemn Tone

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant *All*

O UR 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 them that

trespass against us;- And lead us not into temptation,-
 But deliver us from e-vil.- For thine is the kingdom,- the
 power, and the glory,- For ever and e-ver.- Amen.-

Fraction and Pax

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.- R. And with thy spirit.-

The Prayer of Humble Access

CELEBRANT: We do not presume

ALL: 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.

Agnus Dei (CHOIR)

Missa Deus Genitor Alme

*Agnus Dei,
 qui tollis peccata mundi,
 dona eis requiem.*

*Agnus Dei,
 qui tollis peccata mundi,
 dona eis requiem.*

*Agnus Dei,
 qui tollis peccata mundi,
 dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

*O Lamb of God,
 that takest away the sin of the world,
 grant them rest.*

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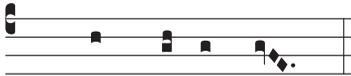
*O Lamb of God,
 that takest away the sin of the world,
 grant them rest everlasting.*

Dismissal (PLEASE STAND)

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with thy spirit.

DEACON: Let us bless the Lord.

ALL: 

Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel: John 1:1

∞ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not any thing made that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (ALL KNEEL) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, (ALL RISE) and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

℞ Thanks be to God.

English Hymnal N° 76 Lord, in this thy mercy's day

Heiliger Geist

1 Lord, in this thy mercy's day,
Ere it pass for ay away,
On our knees we fall and pray.

3 Lord, on us thy Spirit pour,
Kneeling lowly at the door,
Ere it close for evermore.

2 Holy Jesu, grant us tears,
Fill us with heart-searching fears,
Ere that awful doom appears.

4 By thy night of agony,
By thy supplicating cry,
By thy willingness to die;

*5 By thy tears of bitter woe
For Jerusalem below,
Let us not thy love forgo.*

*6 Grant us 'neath thy wings a place,
Lest we lose this day of grace,
Ere we shall behold thy face.*