Ash Wednesday

Blessing of Ashes & Solemn Mass

Wednesday 14 February 2024 6:15 p.m.



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



S. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Regent Park The Ancient Faith for the Contemporary World

Welcome to S. 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' (S. 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' (S. John of the Cross, Spiritual Maxims: Words of Light, 57).

- Adapted from Father Gabriel of S. Mary Magdalene, O.C.D., Divine Intimacy: Meditations on the Interior Life for Every Day of the Liturgical Year

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DEVOTIONS BEFORE MASS

Angelus

- ☼ The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
- And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

 Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
- W Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- Be it unto me according to thy word.

 Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
- Mand the Word was made flesh.
- And dwelt among us.

 Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
- W Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
- Ry That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross ★ and Passion, we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Ry Amen.

BLESSING OF ASHES

Antiphon — Exaudi (CHOIR)

Psalm 69

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies. 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.
- R⁄ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (THE PEOPLE KNEEL)

A LMIGHTY 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 ble ess and sanc tify 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.

Ry Amen.

Let us pray.

GOD, 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 ble ess 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.

Ry Amen.

Let us pray.

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.

Ry 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.

Ry 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 — *Immutemur habitu (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 — *Juxta vestibulum* (CANTOR)

Joel 2

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 trespassed against thee. 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 trespassed against thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Give ear, O Lord, and have compassion, for we have trespassed against thee.

- ▼ The Lord be with you.
- Ry And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

RANT, 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.

Ry Amen.

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

THE ENTRANCE RITES

THE CELEBRANT APPROACHES THE ALTAR AND MAKES HIS PREPARATION WITH THE SERVER. LET US RECOLLECT THE GREAT MYSTERY IN WHICH WE ARE ABOUT TO PARTICIPATE.

Introit — Misereris omnium

Wisdom 11, Psalm 57

(CANTORS) (PLEASE KNEEL)

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.
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.

Kyrie Eleison (CHOIR) Missa Brevis in D — Antonio Lotti (1698)

Kyrie eleison.Christe eleison.Kyrie eleison.Lord, have mercy upon us.Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collects

R⁄ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Athat 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.

R⁷ Amen.

Let us pray.

DEFEND us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all dangers both of body and soul: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of thy holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed Bartholomew and of all thy Saints, grant us thy saving health and peace; that being defended from all adversities and all false doctrines, thy Church may serve thee in freedom and quietness.

Ry Amen.

Aboth of the quick and of the dead, who likewise hast mercy upon all men, whom by reason of their faith and works thou hast foreknown: we commend unto thee all those for whom we now do offer our prayers, whether in this world they still be held in the bonds of the flesh, or being delivered therefrom have passed into that which is to come; beseeching thee that at the intercession of all thy Saints they may of thy bountiful goodness obtain the remission of all their sins. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

R' Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson for the Epistle: Joel 2:12 (PLEASE BE SEATED)

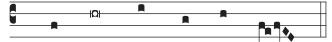
The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the second chapter of Joel, beginning at the twelfth verse.

THUS saith saith the Lord: 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?

Here endeth the Lesson.

Gradual — Miserere mei Deus

Psalm 57



CANTORS: Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: *

ALL: FOR my soul **trust**-eth in thee.

CANTORS: He shall send from heaven: *

ALL: AND save me from the reproof of him **that** would eat me üp.

Tract — *Domine*, non secundum



CANTORS: 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.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

CANTORS: Help us, O God of our salvation, (ALL RISE) 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: S. Matthew 6:16 (PLEASE STAND)

- And with thy spirit.★ The Holy Gospel is written in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to S. Matthew, beginning
- at the sixteenth verse. Ry Glory 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 seeth 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 and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Ry 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.
- R' And with thy spirit.

 Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

Offertory Antiphon — *Exaltabo te (CANTOR)*

Psalm 30:1-3

I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up, and not made my foes to triumph over me:
O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Offertory Motet (CHOIR)

Lord, teach us how to pray aright

Lord, teach us how to pray aright, With reverence and with fear; Though dust and ashes in thy sight, We may, we must draw near. We perish if we cease from prayer; O grant us power to pray; And when to meet thee we prepare, Lord, meet us by the way.

Thomas Tallis (1567)
TEXT: JAMES MONTGOMERY (1818)

God of all grace we come to thee, With broken, contrite hearts; Give, what thine eye delights to see, Truth in the inward parts; Faith in the only sacrifice That can for sin atone; To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes On Christ, on Christ alone.

Patience to watch and wait and weep, Though mercy long delay; Courage our fainting souls to keep, And trust thee though thou slay. Give these, and then thy will be done; Thus, strengthened with all might, We, through the Spirit and thy Son Shall pray, and pray aright.

English Hymnal Nº 65

The fast, as taught by holy lore

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.

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.

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. Jesu Corona

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.

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.

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.

Forgive the sin that we have wrought; Increase the good that we have sought; That we at length, our wanderings o'er, May please thee here and evermore.

We pray thee, Holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

Orate Fratres (CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)

CELEBRANT: Pray, brethren, that this 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.

Secrets (Prayers over the Gifts)

RANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, that like as we do by these our oblations bring to remembrance the institution of this holy Sacrament, so we may by thee be enabled to offer the same according to thy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Ry Amen.

RACIOUSLY hear us, O God of our salvation, and by the power of this Sacrament defend us from all dangers both of body and soul: granting us in this world the succour of thy grace, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Ry Amen.

GOD, to whom alone is known the number of thine elect, whom thou hast chosen to set in eternal felicity: grant, we beseech thee, that at the intercession of all thy Saints the names of all them that are commended to our prayers and of all thy faithful people may be found written in the book of them that are ordained to everlasting blessedness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

R' Amen.

Prayer for the Catholic Church (CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

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 CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, 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 Andrew 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.

RANT 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.

† HERE THE CELEBRANT REMEMBERS THOSE FOR WHOM HE IS SPECIALLY BOUND TO PRAY, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE BIDDING OF THE BEDES. YOU MAY REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM YOU ARE OFFERING HOLY MASS, OR ANY PERSONS OR CLAIMS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO PRAY.

Confession and Absolution

YE 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.

Almighty God,

ALL: 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.

R' Amen.

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

OME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. S. 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. *S. 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.

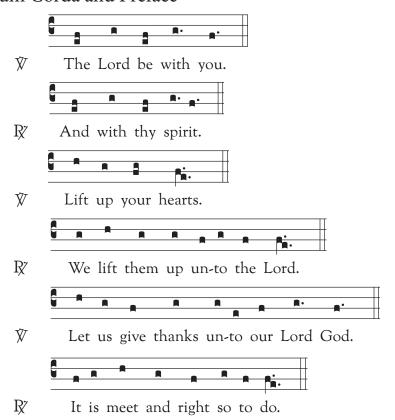
1 *Timothy* 1:15

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 S. John 2:1,2

CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

Sursum Corda and Preface



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.

BECAUSE that by our bodily fasting thou dost restrain the vice that is within us, dost raise our minds from things of earth, dost renew our strength and reward us with manifold blessings.

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 Brevis in D — Antonio Lotti (1698)

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

₩ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. 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.

₩ 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.

Ry Amen.

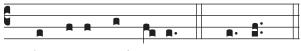
COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Pater Noster Ferial Tone

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

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





for ev-er and ev-er. A-men

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 Brevis in D — Antonio Lotti (1698)

Agnus Dei,

qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God,

that takest away the sin of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, O Lamb of God,

qui tollis peccata mundi, that takest away the sin of the world,

miserere nobis. have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, O Lamb of God,

qui tollis peccata mundi, that takest away the sin of the world,

dona nobis pacem. grant us thy peace.

Communion Antiphon — *Qui meditabitur (CANTORS)*

Psalm 1

He who doth meditate on the law of the Lord day and night: will bring forth his fruit in due season.

THE CELEBRANT TURNS TO SHOW THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, THE PEOPLE LOOK UP AND MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

CELEBRANT: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

ALL SAY TOGETHER THREE TIMES, STRIKING THE BREAST AT EACH BEGINNING:

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Lent Prose (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING OR SEATED) (VERSES ARE SUNG BY THE CHOIR)

REFRAIN (ALL):



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us: for we have sin-nèd a-gainst thee.

Communion Motet

Exaltabo te, Domine

Giovanni Croce (1597)

Exaltabo te Domine, quoniam suscepisti me

I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up:

nec delectasti inimicos meos super me. Domine clamavi ad te et sanasti me. and not made my foes to triumph over me. O Lord, my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me.

THANKSGIVING

Post-Communion Collects

- ▼ The Lord be with you.
- Ry And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

WE beseech thee, Lord, mercifully to protect us who have now received this holy Sacrament: that this our fast may be acceptable in thy sight and profitable unto us for the healing of our souls. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Ry Amen.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, that the gifts now offered by us in these holy mysteries may evermore cleanse and defend us: that at the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of thy holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed Bartholomew and of all thy Saints, we may be absolved from all our offences and defended against all adversities.

Ry Amen.

A LMIGHTY and most merciful God, cleanse us, we pray thee, by the Sacrament which we have received: and at the intercession of all thy Saints grant that this holy Communion may bring upon us not guilt to our damnation

but pardon to our salvation; that it may cleanse the guilty and confirm the feeble, that it may strengthen us against every danger in this world, and obtain for thy faithful people both quick and dead the remission of all their sins. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Ry Amen.

Prayer over the People

Let us pray. Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, O Lord, upon us now kneeling before thy majesty: that we which have been partakers of thy heavenly gifts may evermore be strengthened with thy heavenly succour. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

R' Amen.

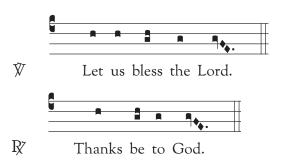
Blessing (PLEASE KNEEL) (CELEBRANT)

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.

Ry Amen.

Dismissal (PLEASE STAND)

- ↑ The Lord be with you.
- Ry And with thy spirit.



The Last Gospel: John 1:1 (PLEASE REMAIN STANDING)

- ▼ The Lord be with you.
- Ry And with thy spirit.
 - The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.
- Ry Glory be to thee, O Lord.

TN 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.

R' Thanks be to God.

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Lord, in this thy mercy's day

Heiliger Geist

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

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

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

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

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

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