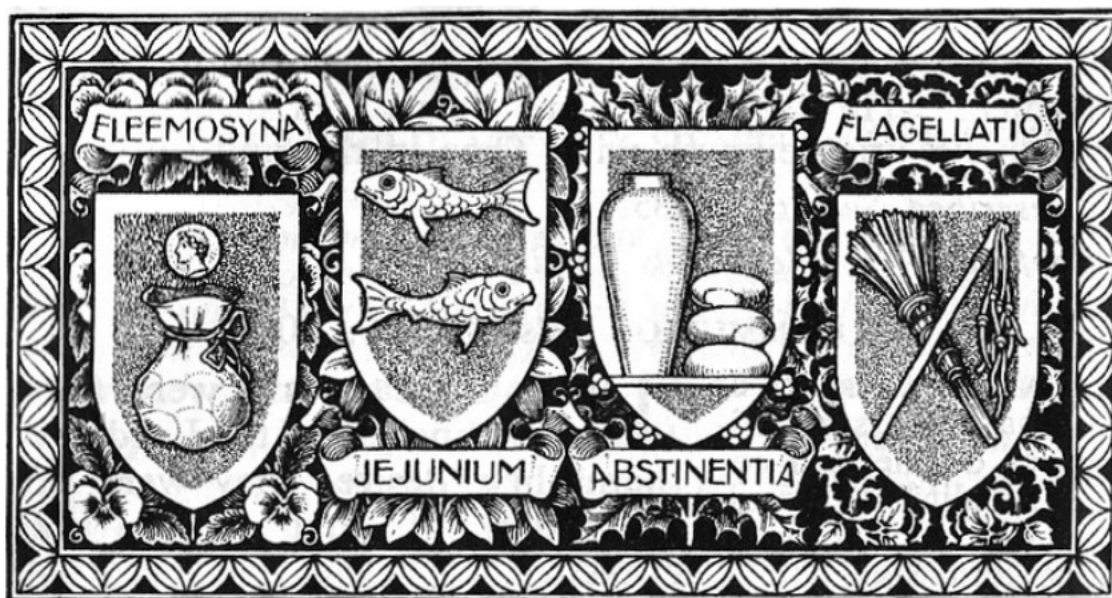

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY

Serving the Murray Hill & Kips Bay communities in New York City

ASH WEDNESDAY

THE BEGINNING OF LENT

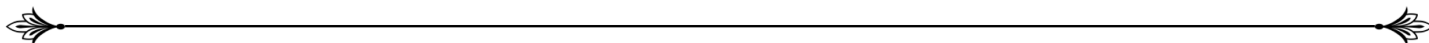


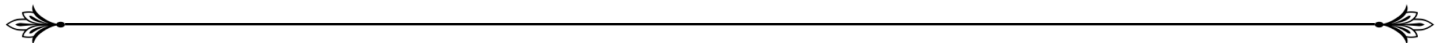
March 5, 2025

Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

12:00 p.m. Church of Our Saviour

5:30 p.m. Chapel of the Sacred Hearts





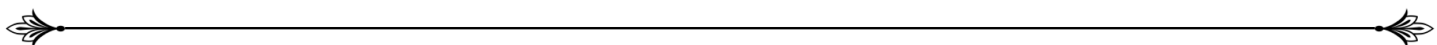
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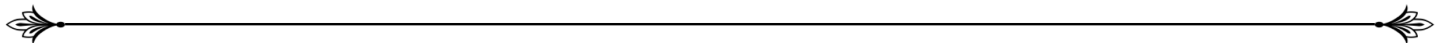
In the Old Law, ashes were generally a symbolic expression of grief, mourning, or repentance. In the Early Church, the use of ashes had a like signification and, with sackcloth, formed part of the public penances. The blessing of the ashes is one of the great liturgical rites of the year. It was originally instituted for public penitents, but is now intended for all Christians, as Lent should be a time of penance, contemplation, and renewal for all. The ashes used on this day are obtained by burning palms from Holy Week of the previous year.

Ashes (and the receiving of the ashes) are a sacramental, not a sacrament like Holy Communion. Sacramentals are intended to foster the proper respect and focus due to the sacraments, and so to excite piety and increase devotion, and through these movements of the heart, to remit venial sin. And while it is a useful form of evangelization to be marked with ashes as a sign of faith and need for public penance, the passage from St. Matthew's Gospel read on Ash Wednesday instructs that true devotion manifests itself inwardly, in the heart, not outwardly or visibly.

The penitential season of Lent (from the Old English meaning "spring" and also known as *Quadragesima* in Latin, meaning "fortieth") begins on Ash Wednesday. In Lent, violet vestments are worn. The *Gloria* is omitted except on feast days and the *Alleluia* is replaced with the Tract. As always in privileged seasons (Advent, Christmastide, Lent, Eastertide), the CHOIR OF OUR SAVIOUR & SACRED HEARTS returns to our weekly liturgies.

As the Church strips herself of festal trimming entering into the spiritual desert, her faithful are likewise called to a heightened order of penitence, fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. Making a good confession, attending daily Mass, and praying the Office, Stations of the Cross, and Rosary are all worthy resolutions.





INTRODUCTORY RITES

The People stand at the entrance of the ministers.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Wisdom 11:24-25, 27; Psalm 56 (57):2*

PLAINSONG, MODE I

Misereris omnium, Domine,
et nihil odisti eorum quae fecisti:
dissimulans peccata hominum
propter poenitentiam,
et parcens illis:
quia tu es Dominus Deus noster.

*You have mercy on all, O Lord,
and despise nothing that you have made,
overlooking the sins of men
for the sake of repentance
and sparing them,
for you are the Lord our God.*

V. Miserere mei, Deus, miserere mei:
quoniam in te confidit anima mea.

*V. Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me,
for my soul confides in you.*

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

COLLECT

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

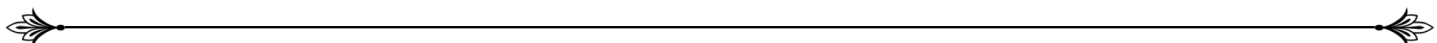
The People sit for the Liturgy of the Word.

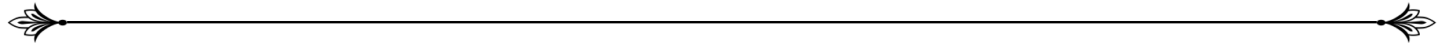
FIRST READING *Joel 2:12-18*

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, offerings and libations for the Lord, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; gather the people, notify the congregation; assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep, and say, "Spare, O Lord, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Then the Lord was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.





RESPONSORIAL Psalm 51 (50): 3-6, 12-14, 17

PLAINSONG, MODE III



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, — for — we have sinned. —

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O God, have mercy on me,
According to you merciful love;
According to your great compassion,
My transgressions blot out. *Ant.*

Wash me completely from my iniquity,
And cleans me from my sin.
My transgressions, truly I know them;
My sin is always before me. *Ant.*

Against you, you alone have I sinned;
What is evil in your sight I have done.
Create a pure heart for me, O God;
Renew a steadfast spirit within me. *Ant.*

O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
A willing spirit sustain in me. *Ant.*

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Brothers and sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: *In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Psalm 95:8

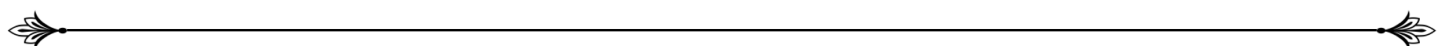
PLAINSONG, MODE I

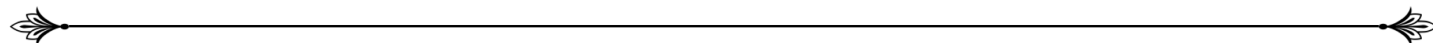


Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus — Christ.

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V. *Rid yourselves of all your sins:
And make a new heart and a new spirit.*





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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

The People sit.

HOMILY

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

PRAYER OF BLESSING

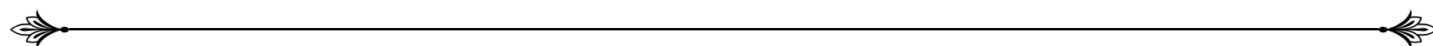
Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly ask God our Father that he be pleased to bless with the abundance of his grace these ashes, which we will put on our heads in penitence.

After a brief prayer in silence, the Celebrant continues with one of these two prayers:

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| I. O God, who desire not the death of sinners, but their conversion, mercifully hear our prayers and in your kindness be pleased to bless these ashes, which we intend to receive upon our heads, that we, who acknowledge we are but ashes and shall return to dust, may, through a steadfast observance of Lent, gain pardon for sins and newness of life after the likeness of your Risen Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i> | II. O God, who are moved by acts of humility and respond with forgiveness to works of penance, lend your merciful ear to our prayers and in your kindness pour out the grace of your † blessing on your servants who are marked with these ashes, that, as they follow the Lenten observances, they may be worthy to come with minds made pure to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son. Through Christ our Lord. <i>Amen.</i> |
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The Celebrant silently sprinkles the ashes with holy water.

The Ministers impose ashes on the People who present themselves up the center aisle as at Communion, during which the following is sung:



PSALM 51 AT THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES *Sung by the Choir.*

Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam
misericordiam tuam. Et secundum
multitudinem miserationum tuarum,
dele iniquitatem meam.
Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea:
et a peccato meo munda me.
Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco:
et peccatum meum contra me est semper.
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci:
ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis,
et vincas cum judicaris.
Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum:
et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.
Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et
occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.
Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor:
lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.
Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitiam:
et exultabunt ossa humiliata.
Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis:
et omnes iniquitates meas dele.
Cor mundum crea in me, Deus:
et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.
Ne projicias me a facie tua:
et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.
Redde mihi laetitiam salutaris tui:
et spiritu principali confirma me
Docebo iniquos vias tuas:

et impii ad te convertentur.
Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus,
Deus salutis meae:
et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.
Domine, labia mea aperies:
et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.
Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium,
dedissem utique:
holocaustis non delectaberis.
Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus:
cor contritum et humiliatum,
Deus, non despicies.
Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate
tua Sion:
ut aedificentur muri Jerusalem.
Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae,
oblationes, et holocausta:
tunc imponent super
altare tuum vitulos.

*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 bath 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 shew 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. O be favourable
and gracious unto Sion:
build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice
of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings
and oblations: then shall they offer
young bullocks upon thine altar.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

MOTET AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *Sung by the Choir.*

William Byrd (1540-1623)
from MASS FOR FOUR VOICES

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie Eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

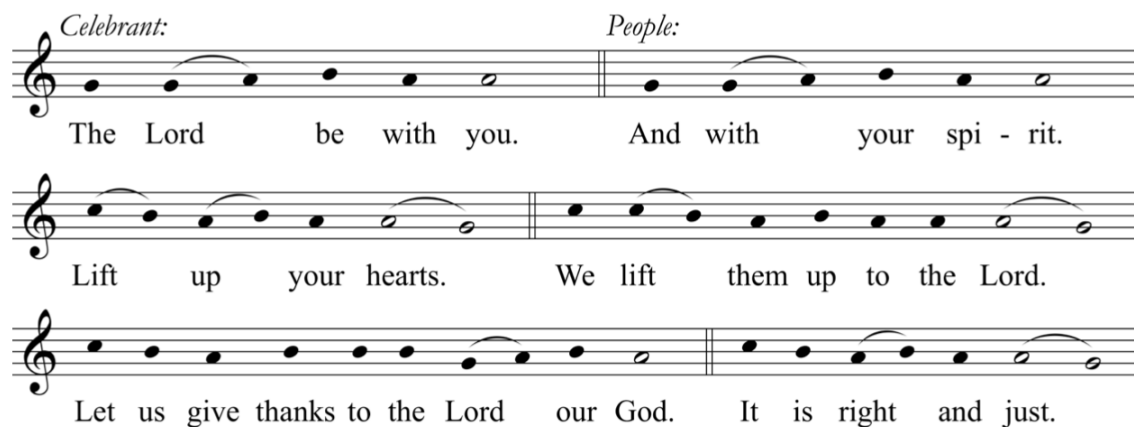
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

The People stand.

As we solemnly offer the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent, we entreat you, O Lord, that, through works of penance and charity, we may turn away from harmful pleasures and, cleansed from our sins, may become worthy to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PREFACE

Celebrant: *People:*



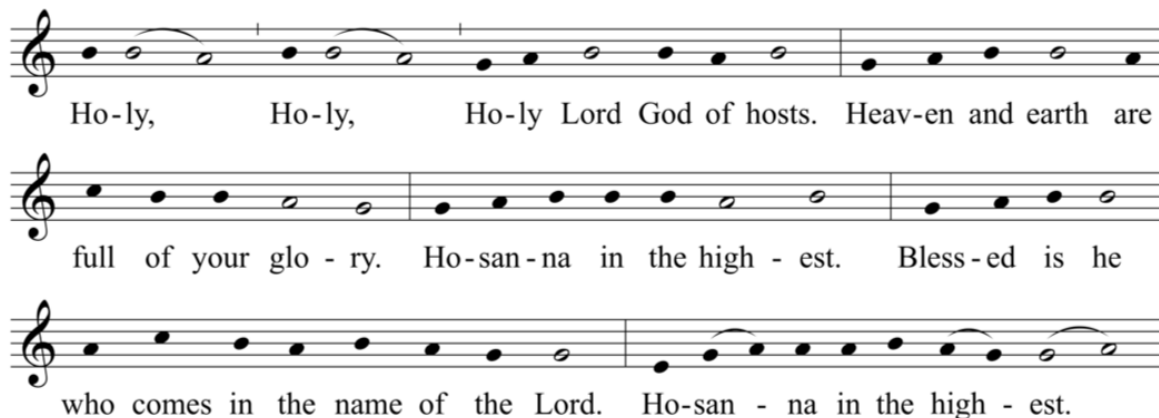
The Lord be with you. And with your spi - rit.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

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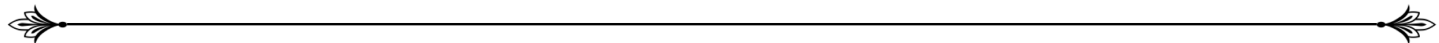
PLAINSONG, MASS XVIII



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he

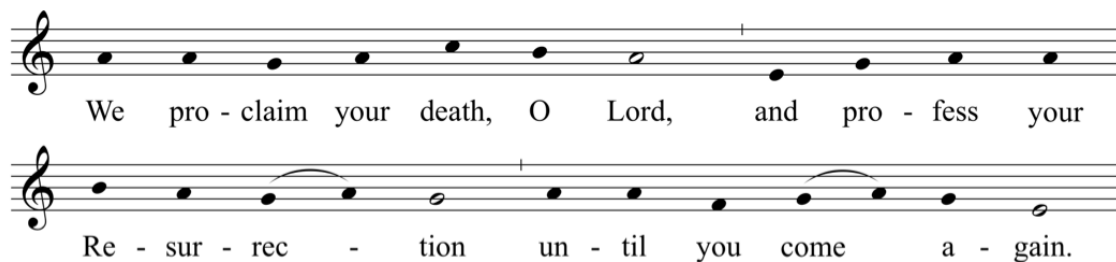
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



The People stand or kneel.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

PLAINSONG, MODE II



PER IPSUM

PATER NOSTER

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

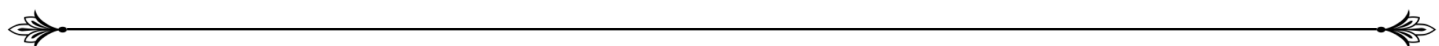
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
Graciously grant peace in our days,
That, by the help of your mercy,
We may be always free from sin
And safe from all distress,
As we await the blessed hope
And the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

PAX

All offer one another a sign that expresses peace, communion, and charity.





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

ECCE AGNUS

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Psalms 1:2-3*

PLAINSONG, MODE III

Qui meditabitur in lege Domini
die ad nocte,
davit fructum suum in tempore suo.

*He who shall meditate on the law of the Lord
day and night
shall bring forth his fruit in due season.*

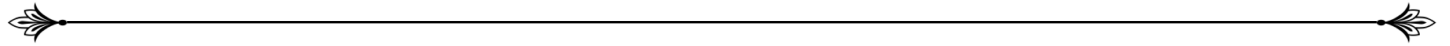
COMMUNION MOTET *Sung by the Choir.*

William Byrd (1540-1623)
from MASS FOR FOUR VOICES

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace*





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

May the Sacrament we have received sustain us, O Lord, that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you and be for us a healing remedy. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The People depart in silence.

MOTET *Sung by the Choir.*

Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

Ave, Regina cælorum,
Ave, Domina Angelorum:
Salve, radix, salve, porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa,
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

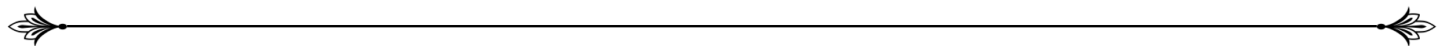
*Hail, O Queen of Heaven.
Hail, O Lady of Angels.
Hail! Thou root, hail! Thou gate
From whom unto the world a light has arisen:*

*Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,
Lovely beyond all others,
Farewell, most beautiful maiden,
And pray for us to Christ.*

Compline Antiphon 2 February – Wednesday of Holy Week

MUSIC NOTES

The *Miserere* attributed to the Italian composer Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652) is one of the most popular, often performed and recorded choral pieces of late Renaissance/early Baroque music. It was composed during the reign of Pope Urban VIII in the 1630s, for the exclusive use of the Papal Choir in the Sistine Chapel during Holy Week, the last of thirteen surviving *Misereres* sung at the services of Tenebræ since 1514. When the young Mozart visited Rome, so the story goes, he transcribed it from memory, risking excommunication but helping posterity to reclaim the piece. Yet the *Miserere* known today bears little resemblance to Allegri's original or to its method of performance before 1900. At today's Imposition of Ashes, the CHOIR OF OUR SAVIOUR & SACRED HEARTS performs the original version from the 1661 Codex, hoping to explore Allegri's original intentions.





LENT AT OUR SAVIOUR & SACRED HEARTS

WORSHIP

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WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 P.M. | 19 MARCH – 9 APRIL

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EVENING PRAYER WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

FRIDAYS | 6:30 P.M.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Join the Community of Sant'Egidio, Community-in-Residence at Our Saviour & Sacred Hearts, as they pray for peace and unity.

EDUCATION

LECTIO DIVINA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH & 12TH | 6:45 P.M.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

*Join Fr. Enzo Del Brocco, Priest Associate, for these guided Christian meditations.
Gather in the undercroft at Church of Our Saviour by entering through the 38th Street Rectory doors.*

EXPLORING THE LABYRINTH DURING LENT

WEDNESDAYS 5TH – 19TH MARCH | 1:00-3:00 P.M.

33 CLUB AT THE CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEARTS
323 East 33rd Street

Join Kathleen Ullmann, parishioner, for these spiritually edifying explorations of labyrinthine prayer.

SERVICE

MEAL MINISTRY WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

TUESDAYS | 4:00 P.M. Fellowship & 5:45 P.M. Dinner

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR *undercroft*

*Join the Community of Sant'Egidio, Community-in-Residence at Our Saviour & Sacred Hearts, for fellowship with our Friends on the street.
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