



Ash Wednesday • February 22, 2023

St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O'Fallon Illinois

Introductory Rites

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Led By the Spirit

Kingsfold

1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, We
2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front Temp -
3. Led by the Spir - it, now draw near The
4. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise To

go to fast and pray With Christ in - to the
ta - tion face to face, And know full well we
wa - ters of re - birth With hearts that long to
God the Trin - i - ty: The Fa - ther, Son, and

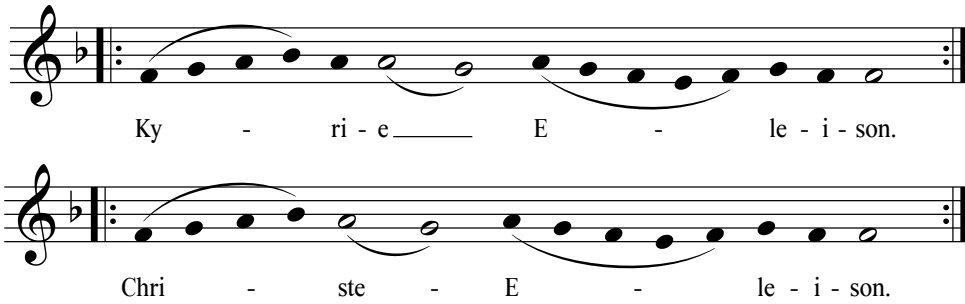
wil - der - ness; We join his pas - chal way. "Rend
must re - ly On God's re - deem - ing grace. On
wor - ship God In spir - it and in truth. "Who -
Ho - ly Ghost, Whose love has set us free, Most

not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn
bread a - lone we can - not live, But
ev - er drinks the drink I give Shall
Ho - ly, Bless - ed Trin - i - ty, We

back your lives to me." Thus says our kind and
nour - ished by the Word We seek the will of
nev - er thirst a - gain." Thus says the Lord who
seek your lov - ing gaze; O help us turn our

gra - cious God, Whose reign is lib - er - ty.
God to do: This is our drink and food.
died for us, Our Sav - ior, kin, and friend.
hearts to You Through - out these for - ty days.

KYRIE ELEISON



Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Joel 2:12-18

Rend your hearts, not your garments.

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.



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

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin. *R.*

My transgressions, truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have
done. *R.*

Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your
presence;
take not your holy spirit from me. *R.*

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

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SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time.

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.



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

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts. - Psalm 95:8*

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GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

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.

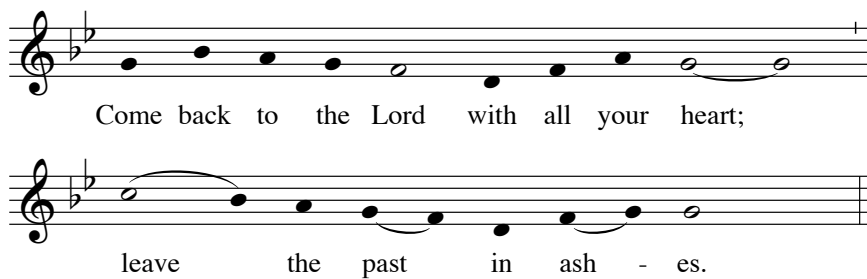
And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

“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.”

HOMILY





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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Cantor

All



Liturgy of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Psalm 30:2-4

Adam Bartlett

I will extol you, O Lord for you have drawn me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, I cried out to you, and you healed me.

MOTET

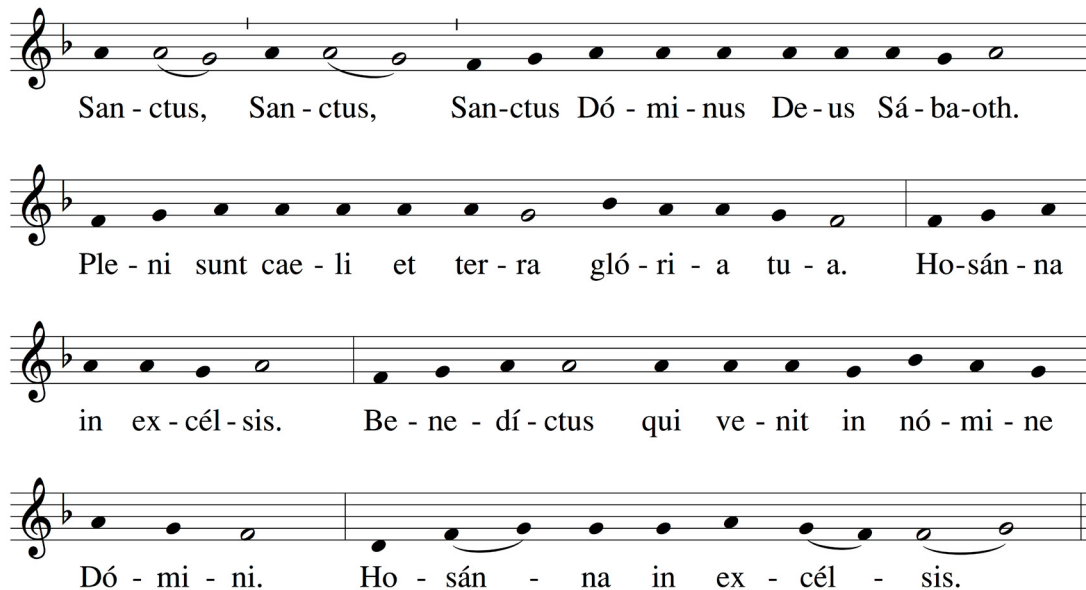
Miserere Mei

Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love;
in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions.
Thoroughly wash away my guilt; and from my sin cleanse me.
For I know my transgressions; my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your eyes
So that you are just in your word,
and without reproach in your judgment.
Behold, I was born in guilt, in sin my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire true sincerity; and secretly you teach me wisdom.
Treat Zion kindly according to your good will;
build up the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will desire the sacrifices of the just,
burnt offering and whole offerings;
then they will offer up young bulls on your altar.
- *Text from Psalm 51*

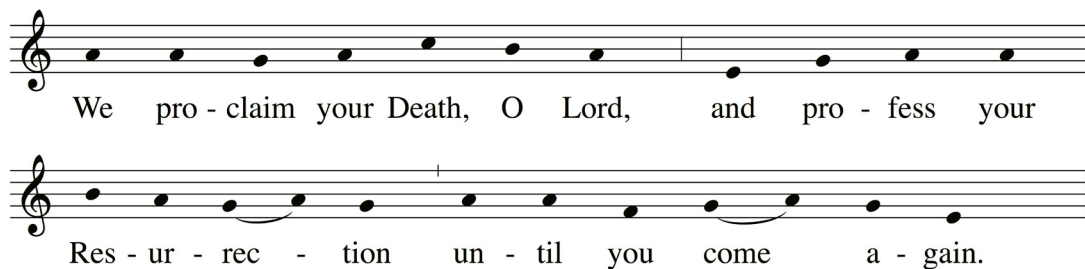
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctus



San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.
Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na
in ex - cé - l - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - sis.

Memorial Acclamation



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

Great Amen



Assembly:
A - men, a - men, a - men.

Communion Rite

LAMB OF GOD

Mass XVIII

Gregorian Chant

Cantor: *All:*



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.

A - gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 1:2b, 3b

Adam Bartlett

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night
will yield fruit in due season.



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Blessed indeed is the man	He is like a tree that is planted
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,	beside the flowing waters,
nor stands in the path with sinners,	that yields its fruit in due season,
nor abides in the company of scorners,	and whose leaves shall never fade;
but whose delight is the law of the LORD,	and all that he does shall prosper.
and who ponders his law day and night.	

Not so are the wicked, not so!
 For they, like winnowed chaff,
 shall be driven away by the wind.

MOTET

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake John Hilton (1599-1657)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
 but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
 To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
 that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.
 Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Concluding Rites

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Sun of Justice

Jesu Dulcis Memoria



1. O Sun of jus - tice, Je - sus Christ, Dis - pel the
2. In this our "time ac - cept - a - ble" Touch ev - 'ry
3. The day, your day, in beau - ty dawns When in your
4. O lov - ing Trin - i - ty, our God, To you we

dark - ness of our hearts, Till your blest light makes
heart with sor - row, Lord, That, turned from sin, re -
light earth blooms a - new; Led back a - gain to
bow through end - less days, And in your grace new -

night-time flee And brings the joys your day im - parts.
newed by grace, We may press on toward love's re - ward.
life's true way, May we, for-giv'n, re - joice in you.
born we sing New hymns of grat - i - tude and praise.

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Opportunities during Lent

PRAYER

Monday Evenings

Mass, Soup, and Speaker Series

6pm Mass, 6:30 soup dinner, 7:15 presentation

Please see the bulletin or scan the QR code for the topics and speakers.



Tuesdays from 6pm-7pm

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession

Fridays at 6pm

Stations of the Cross

Reconciliation

Tuesdays from 6pm-7pm

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30

Thursday, March 30th at 7pm (10 confessors available)

FASTING

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

ALMSGIVING

CRS Rice Bowl – available for pickup in the gathering space

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