



The Church of the Advent

Ash Wednesday
February 22nd, 2023

Solemn Mass at Six-Thirty O'Clock

Missal "Cunctipotens genitor Deus" (Mass IV) — Plainsong

Celebrant: Fr Macdonald-Radcliff

Introit *Misereris omnium*

Mode I

Ant. 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.* Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee. *Gloria Patri.*
Ant.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

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

Epistle II Corinthians 5:17–6:10

Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses

against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gradual *Miserere*

Mode V

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee. *Ÿ*. He shall send from heaven: and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

Tract *Domine, non secundum*

Mode VIII

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

The Holy Gospel Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Ÿ. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Ŕ. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At that time, Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

℣. The Gospel of the Lord.

℟. **Praise be to thée, O Christ.**

Hymn 150 *Forty days and forty nights*

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

Sermon

Fr James

The Lenten Exhortation

¶ *After the Sermon, all stand, & the Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying:*

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our Maker and Redeemer.

The Blessing of Ashes

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we beseech thee to spare them that are penitent, and to be favorable to them that call upon thee. Vouchsafe, we pray thee, 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. Grant that they

may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

¶ While the following Psalm is sung, ashes shall be imposed.

Psalm 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

Gregorio Allegri (c 1582–1652)

*Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam; * et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam. 2 Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea * et a peccato meo munda me. 3 Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco, * et peccatum meum contra me est semper. 4 Tibi, soli peccavi et malum coram te feci; * ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris. 5 Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum, * et in peccatis concepit me mater mea. 6 Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti * incerta et occulta sapientiæ tuæ manifestasti mihi. 7 Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor; * lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor. 8 Auditui meo dabis gaudium et lætitiā, * et exultabunt ossa humiliata. 9 Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis, * et omnes iniquitates meas dele. 10 Cor mundum crea in me, Deus, * et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis. 11 Ne projicias me a facie tua * et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me. 12 Redde mihi lætitiā salutaris tui * et spiritu principali confirma me. 13 Docebo iniquos vias tuas, * et impii ad te convertentur. 14 Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meæ, * et exultabit lingua mea justitiā tuam. 15 Domine, labia mea aperies, * et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam. 16 Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique, * holocaustis non delectaberis. 17 Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus, * cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus, non despicias. 18 Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion, * ut ædificentur muri Jerusalem. 19 Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiæ, 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. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my faults, * and my sin is ever before me. 4 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 shalt judge. 5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, * and in sin hath my mother conceived me. 6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly. 7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds. 10 Make me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence, * and take not thy holy Spirit from me. 12 O give me the comfort of thy help again, * and stablish me with thy free Spirit. 13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, * and sinners shall be converted unto thee. 14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness. 15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show thy praise. 16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings. 17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise. 18 O be favorable and gracious unto Sion; * build thou the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then shall thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

¶ *The priest & people all kneeling shall say:*

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

¶ *The priest shall say:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who 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.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℞. **And with thy spirit.**

℣. Let us pray.

¶ *The people are seated for the Offertory Verse.*

Offertory Verse *Exaltabo te*

Mode II

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.

Anthem *In jejunio et fletu*

Thomas Tallis (c 1505–1585)

In jejunio et fletu orabant sacerdotes: Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo, et ne des hereditatem tuam in perditionem. Inter vestibulum et altare plorabant sacerdotes, dicentes: Parce populo tuo.

Fasting and weeping, the priests prayed, saying: Spare, O Lord, spare thy people, and give not thine inheritance over to destruction. Between the porch and the altar the priests made lamentations, saying: Spare thy people, O Lord. (*Joel 2:17; Matin Responsory, First Sunday of Lent*)

A Prayer for the Keeping of the Lenten Discipline

Let us pray.

God, who by thy Son dost marvelously work out the salvation of mankind: Grant, we beseech thee, that, following the example of our blessed Lord, and observing the holy fast of Lent, we may both be subjected to thee with our whole hearts, and united to each other in fellowship and in love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sursum corda

℣. 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.**

¶ *When the bell tolls, please kneel.*

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cæli 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

Our Father

Prayer for Peace

℣. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

℞. **And with thy spirit.**

Prayer of Humble Access

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

Agnus Dei

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.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

℣. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

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

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

All persons baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are invited to the Altar to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, come to the Altar and cross your arms over your chest. For those who prefer to receive by intinction, the chalice bearer will take your wafer, dip it in the chalice, and place it on your tongue.

Motet *Miserere mei, Deus*

William Byrd (1540–1623)

*Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam
tuam; et secundum multitudinem miserationum
tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great
goodness; according to the multitude of thy
mercies, do away mine offences. (*Ps 51:1*)

¶ *Said by all.*

Post-Communion Prayer

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, **we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal

∇. The Lord be with you.

℞. **And with thy spirit.**

∇. Depart in peace.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *The people stand.*

The Last Gospel

∇. The Lord be with you.

℞. **And with thy spirit.**

∇. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St 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 anything 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 the Light, but was 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.

(genuflect) *And the Word was made flesh, (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.**

¶ *Please depart in silence.*

Lynn Eustis, soprano; Julia Cavallaro, mezzo; Francesco Logozzo, alto; & Henry Clapp, baritone, are the soloists in the Allegri: Miserere. The cantors are Laura Ziegler & Henry Clapp.

LENTEN DEVOTION OPPORTUNITY

Beginning **Thursday, March 2**, on **Thursdays during Lent at 6:00pm**, the devotion of The Stations of the Cross will be offered in the church, followed by a meatless supper of soup and bread.

The Stations of the Cross is a series of meditations on the Passion, the Crucifixion and the Death of Jesus leading to His burial in the tomb. Many Christians through the ages have found The Stations an aid in focusing their Lenten prayers. Some take on this form of devotion as a part of their Lenten disciplines. Consider making it a part of your week.

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Monday–Tuesday, Thursday–Friday — Morning Prayer at 8:00am; Low Mass at 12:15pm; Evening Prayer, 5:30pm.

Wednesday — Morning Prayer at 8:00am; Evening Prayer, 5:30pm; Low Mass and Healing Service, 6pm.

Saturday (and legal holidays) — Morning Prayer at 8:30am; Low Mass at 9:00am.