Ash Wednesday



Remember, man, that thou art dust, and into dust thou shalt return

22 February 2023 Blessing & Imposition of Ashes & Low Mass 12.10

Ash Wednesday

Please stand when the bell rings to announce the entrance of the Ministers.

At the Blessing of Ashes—Antiphon. Ps. 69, 17

EAR us, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: turn thee unto us, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies. *Ps. ibid, 1.* Save me, O God, for the waters are come in: even unto my soul. V. Glory be. Hear us.

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

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, spare them that are penitent, be favourable to them that call upon thee; and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to bless, and sanctify these ashes, that they may be a wholesome medicine to all who humbly call upon thy holy name, who in their consciences by sin are accused, who in the sight of thy divine compassion bewail their faults, and earnestly and meekly implore thy most gracious loving-kindness: and grant to all them that call upon thy most holy name; that they, being sprinkled therewith for the redemption of their transgressions, may be preserved evermore both in body and soul. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

GOD, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should repent: mercifully look upon the frailty of our mortal nature; and of thy goodness vouchsafe to bless these ashes which we purpose to have set upon our heads for the increase of humility, and the meriting of pardon; that we, acknowledging that we are but ashes, and that by reason of our vileness unto dust we shall return; may through thy mercy be found meet to receive forgiveness of all our sins, and the rewards which thou hast promised to them that are penitent. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

GOD, who dost turn unto them that abase themselves, and art favourable unto them that make satisfaction: incline thy gracious ear to our prayers; and mercifully pour forth upon the heads of thy servants now to be sprinkled with these ashes the grace of thy benediction: that they being filled with the spirit of true penitence 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 to the same unto life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who upon the people of Nineveh, repenting in sackcloth and ashes, didst bestow the healing of thy loving-kindness: mercifully grant; that we may so imitate them in outward fashion that we may be made like unto them in the obtaining of thy pardon. Through. R. Amen.

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 the Celebrant imposes ashes to the Ministers, then to the Choir and the people, kneeling at the Altar rail.

Antiphon—foel 2, 13.

LET us change our raiment for sackcloth and ashes: let us fast and mourn before the Lord; for our God is exceeding merciful to forgive us our sins.

Another Ant. Ibid., 17 & Esth. 13, 17. 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.

Responsory—*Esth. 13, 17; Joel 2, 13.*

Let us amend the sins that in our ignorance we have committed: lest the day of death come suddenly upon us, and we find. no place for repentance, though we seek it. * Hear, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against thee. § Ps. 79, 9. Help us, O God of our salvation: and for the glory of thy name deliver us, O Lord. * Hear, O Lord. § Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. * Hear, O Lord.

". The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

RANT to us, O Lord, to put on the armour of our Christian warfare with prayer and tasting; that we, who are to fight against all spiritual wickedness, may he defended by the power of abstinence. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Then the Celebrant goes to the bench and vest for Mass, then begins the preparation.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I will go unto the altar of God. R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

- W. Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
- R. For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
- W. O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
- R. And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.
 - W Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

- R. O put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.
 - W. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 - R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
 - W I will go unto the altar of God. R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.
 - V Our help

 is in the name of the Lord.

 Who hath made heaven and earth.
 - V. I confess to God Almighty, &c.
 - R. God Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.
 - ÿ Amen.
- R. I confess to God Almighty, to Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to Blessed Michael the Archangel, to Blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to thee, Father: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, deed: by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore I beg Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints and thee, Father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
- V God Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. R Amen.
- - Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, O God? R. That thy people may rejoice in thee.
 - W O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us. R. And grant us thy salvation.
 - W O Lord, hear my prayer. R And let my cry come unto thee.
 - W. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.
 - ÿ. Let us pray

Then the Priest says Let us Pray, and ascending to the Altar, says secretly:

TAKE away from us we beseech thee, O Lord, our iniquities: that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE pray thee, O Lord, through the merits of thy Saints, whose relics are here, and of all the Saints: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to pardon all my sins. Amen.

Introit—Wisdom 11, 24, 25 & 27

Please remain kneeling until the Epistle.

THOU hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and hatest nothing that thou hast created: and winkest at the sins of men, because they should amend, and sparest them: for thou art the Lord our God. *Ps. 57, I*. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee. \forall Glory be. Thou

1. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee. V. Glory be. I how hast.

Kyrie Eleison & Gloria in Excelsis

W. Kyrie, eleison. R. Kyrie, eleison. W. Kyrie, eleison. R. Christe, eleison. W. Christe, eleison. R. Kyrie, eleison. R. Kyrie, eleison. W. Kyrie, eleison.

The Collects

V The Lord be with you. R And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

RANT, O Lord, to thy faithful people: that they may enter upon the solemn observance of this fast with reverence and godly fear, and, in peace and quietness may fulfil the same. Through. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

GOD, who didst bestow upon thy blessed Apostle Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and didst appoint unto him the high priesthood for binding and loosing: vouchsafe; that by the help of his intercession we may be delivered from the bonds of our iniquities.

GOD, who by the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul didst teach the multitude of the Gentiles: grant to us, we beseech thee; that we who now celebrate his commemoration may feel the effectual benefit of his intercession. Through. R. Amen.

For the Epistle

Please be seated.

The Lesson from the Prophet Joel.

Joel 2, 12–19

THUS 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? Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people: Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: saith the Lord almighty. R. Thanks be to God.

Gradual. Ps. 57, 2 and 4. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee. § He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

Tract. Ps. 103, 10. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins: nor reward us according to our wickedness. V. Ps. 79, 8–9. O Lord, remember not our old sins: but have mercy upon us, and that soon, for we are come to great misery. V. Help us, O God of our salvation: and for the glory of thy name, O Lord, deliver us: and be merciful unto our sins, for thy name's sake.

Bowing before the middle of the Altar, the Priest says secretly:

CLEANSE my heart and my lips, almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of Isaiah the prophet with a live coal: so of thy gracious mercy vouchsafe to cleanse me, that I may worthily proclaim thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bid, Lord, a blessing. The Lord be in my heart and on my lips: that I may worthily and fitly proclaim his Gospel. Amen.

The Holy Gospel

Please stand for the Gospel.

W. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Matt. 6, 16-21

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 is 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 nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Re Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Priest kisses the Gospel, saying: By the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away.

The Offertory

W The Lord be with you. R And with thy spirit. W Let us pray.

Offertory. Ps. 30, 2-3. I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up, and not made my foes to triumph over me: O Lord, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

The Priest takes the Paten with the Host, saying secretly:

RECEIVE, O holy Father, almighty everlasting God, this spotless host, which I, thine unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my numberless sins, offences, and negligences, and for all who stand here around, as also for all faithful Christians, both living and departed: that to me and to them it may avail for salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

Then the Priest places the Host upon the Corporal. The Priest pours in wine and water in the Chalice, and blesses with the sign of the Cross the water to be mixed in the Chalice, saying:

GOD, who didst wondrously create, and yet more wondrously renew the dignity of human nature: grant that by the mystery of this water and wine we may be made co-heirs of his divinity, who vouchsafed to be made partaker of our humanity, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God: world without end. Amen.

The Priest offers the Chalice, saying secretly:

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the cup of salvation, humbly beseeching thy mercy: that in the sight of thy divine majesty it may ascend as a sweet-smelling savour for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

The Priest places it upon the Corporal, and covers it with the Pall: then bowing slightly with hands joined upon the Altar, says secretly:

IN a humble spirit, and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted of thee, O Lord: and so let our sacrifice be offered in thy sight this day, that it may be pleasing unto thee, O Lord God.

OME, O thou Fount of holiness, almighty, eternal God: and bless this sacrifice, made ready for thy holy name.

The Priest washes hands, saying secretly:

Psalm 26, 6-12

WILL wash my hands in innocency, O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar: That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honour dwelleth. O shut not up my soul with the sinners, nor my life with the blood-thirsty: In whose hands is wickedness: and their right hand is full of gifts. But as for me, I will walk innocently: O deliver me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth right: I will praise the Lord in the congregations. 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.

Then bowing slightly in the middle of the Altar, says secretly:

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we offer unto thee in memory of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ: and to the honour of blessed Mary ever Virgin, of blessed John Baptist, of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all the Saints: that it may avail for their honour, and for our salvation: and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we keep on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then turning to the people, extending and joining hands, the Priest says, raising the voice:

PRAY, brethren: that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father almighty. The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

The Secret Prayers

RANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, that like as we by these our gifts do celebrate the institution of this holy Sacrament: so we may by thee be enabled worthily to offer the same. Through.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, let the intercession of thy blessed Apostle Peter commend unto thee the prayers and oblations of thy Church: that these gifts which we offer for his glory may avail for the remission of our sins.

SANCTIFY, O Lord, through the prayers of thine Apostle Paul, the oblations of thy people: that these gifts, which by thine institution are acceptable unto thee, may by his effectual advocacy be rendered the more acceptable in thy sight. Through.

Preface of Lent

- W. Throughout all ages, world without end. R. Amen.
- W. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.
- V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up unto the Lord.
- Y Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. R. 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: Who by bodily fasting dost overcome vice, dost raise the mind, and dost bestow on us virtue and heavenly rewards: through Christ, our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise, the Dominations adore, the Powers fear thy majesty. The Heavens and the heavenly Virtues and the blessed Seraphim together sing thy praise with exultation. With whom, we beseech thee, bid that our voices also be admitted, evermore praising thee, and saying:

I OLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. A Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Canon of the Mass

The Canon concludes: World without end. R. Amen.

LET us pray: Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine institution, we are bold to say:

UR Father, which art in heaven: hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in 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.

The Priest says secretly: Amen, then taking the Paten and holding it upright upon the Altar:

DELIVER us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy

blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favourably grant peace in our days: that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

The Priest puts the Paten under the Host, uncovers the Chalice, genuflects, rises, takes the Host, and holding it with both hands over the Chalice, breaks it in the middle, saying:

Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Then breaking a particle from the part in the left hand, saying:

Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God.

Then in an audible voice:

Throughout all ages, world without end. R. Amen.

With the particle itself the Priest signs thrice over the Chalice, saying:

W. The peace of the Lord be alway with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Placing the particle into the Chalice, the Priest says secretly:

MAY this mingling and hallowing of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ avail us who receive it unto everlasting life. Amen.

The Priest covers the Chalice, genuflects, rises, and bowing to the Sacrament, joins hands, and beating the breast thrice, says in an audible voice:

- 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.

Then bowing, with hands joined upon the Altar, the Priest says secretly:

LORD Jesu Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: regard not my sins, but the faith of thy Church: and vouchsafe to grant her peace and unity according to thy will: Who livest and reignest God, throughout all ages; world without end. Amen.

LORD Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father, and the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast through thy death given life unto the world: deliver me by this thy most sacred Body and Blood from all mine iniquities, and from every evil: and make me ever to cleave unto thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from thee: Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

Let the partaking of thy Body, O Lord Jesu Christ, which I, unworthy, presume to receive, turn not to my judgment and condemnation: but of thy goodness let it avail unto me for protection of soul and body, that I may receive thy healing: Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The Priest genuflects, rises, and says:

I will receive the bread of heaven, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Then bowing slightly, beating the breast three times, the Priest says thrice:

LORD, I am not worthy, *And he proceeds secretly:* that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Then the Priest takes the Host. Uncovering the Chalice, genuflecting, collecting the fragments, and cleansing the Paten over the Chalice, the Priest says secretly:

HAT reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord which is worthy to be praised, so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

The Priest takes the Chalice in the right hand and signing with it says:

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Then the Priest receives the Blood with the particle. Then taking one particle, holding it raised above the Paten, and turning to the people, the Priest says in a clear voice:

We Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world. Re Lord, I am not worthy, that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. iii

The Priest administers the Sacrament saying to each person:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

The Priest returns to the Altar and says secretly:

RANT, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouths we may receive in purity of heart: and let this temporal gift avail for our healing unto life eternal.

The Priest presents the Chalice to the minister, who pours into it a little wine, then continues:

Let thy Body, O Lord, which I have taken, and thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave unto my members: and grant; that no stain of sin may remain in me, whom thou hast refreshed with these pure and holy sacraments: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

The Priest washes and wipes the fingers, takes the ablution, wipes the mouth and the Chalice, and then covers and places on the Altar as before, then proceeds:

Communion. Ps. 1, 2-3. He who doth meditate on the law of the Lord day and night, will bring forth his fruit in due season.

The Postcommunion Collects

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

Let us pray.

PROTECT us, O Lord, by thy holy Sacrament which we have here received: that this our fast may be acceptable unto thee, and profitable for the healing of our souls. Through. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

ORD, let this sacrifice, which we have offered, bring forth gladness in our hearts: that as we shew forth the wonders which thou hast wrought in thy Apostle Peter; so through him we may obtain the abundance of thy loving-kindness.

ORD, who hast sanctified us with this saving mystery: we beseech thee; that he whom thou hast given to be our advocate and guide may continually intercede for us. Through. R. Amen.

Let us pray. Humble your heads before God.

LOOK down in mercy, O Lord, upon those who bow before thy majesty: that they, who have been refreshed by thy sacred gifts, may evermore be strengthened by thy heavenly succour. Through. R. Amen.

The Dismissal

- W. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.
- ÿ Benedicámus Dómino. № Deo grátias.

The Priest bows before the midst of the Altar, and with hands joined thereon, says secretly:

Let this my bounden duty and service be pleasing to thee, O holy Trinity: and grant; that the sacrifice, which I, unworthy, have offered before the eyes of thy majesty, may be acceptable to thee, and may through thy mercy obtain thy gracious favour for me and for all for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God bless you, the Father the Son, ♥ and the Holy Ghost. № Amen.

The Last Gospel

Please stand for the Last Gospel.

W. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Matt. 16, 13–19

At that time: Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, and asked his disciples, saying: Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am? And they said: Some say that thou art John the Baptist, some Elias, and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them: But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said: Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him: Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it

unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven. R. Thanks be to God.

Anniversaries

19 February Hayleigh Glinkowski, Birth

Louise M. Haselton, Benefactress, RIP (1976)

20 February Justin Lanier, Birth

Grace Louise Hoffman, Benefactress, RIP (1949)

23 February Delanie Glinkowski, Birth

Emily Yarnell, Benefactress, RIP (1911)

Hibbert Herbert Patrick Roche, Priest, RIP (1926)

Wilfrid Westall, Bishop, RIP (1982)

24 February William Tudor Bulkeley, Priest & Curate, RIP (1943)

William Robert Wetherell, Priest & Curate, RIP (1990)

25 February Barbara Saderholm, Birth

Richard Charles Alton, Ordination

William Ellis Taylor, Benefactor, RIP (1935) Henry Schell Hagert, Benefactor, RIP (1963)

Walter Gable Martin, Priest & Curate, Benefactor, RIP (1979)

Ralph J. Cogswell, Priest & Curate (1993)

Kalendar

20 February Feria21 February Feria

22 February Ash Wednesday; Chair of S. Peter, Ap., at Antioch

23 February S. Peter Damian, B.C.D.; Feria; Vigil

24 February S. MATTHIAS, Ap.; Feria

25 February Feria

26 February The First Sunday in Lent

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