



# Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

*Repent and Believe  
in the Gospel.*

*The 9:15 am Mass is Livestreamed.  
Please silence your cell phones.*

## ASH WEDNESDAY ENTRANCE ANTIphon

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You are mer-ci - ful to all, O Lord, and de - spise noth - ing  
that you have made. You o-ver - look peo-ple's sins, to  
bring them to re - pen-tance, and you spare them, for  
you are the Lord our God.

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

JOEL 2: 12 – 18

The Lord is slow to anger and rich in kindness. The faithful return with their whole hearts, fasting and repenting. All God's people gather together before the Lord for mercy.

### PSALM 51: CREATE IN ME

Cantor first time:

Tom Kendzia

1. O God, in your goodness have mercy on me.  
In your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt,  
and cleanse me from my sins.
2. For I acknowledge my offense  
and my sin is always before me;  
against only you have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your eyes.
3. A clean heart create for me, O God,  
a steadfast spirit renew in me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
O God.  
Take not your Holy Spirit from me.
4. Give us back the joy of our salvation,  
and renew in us a willing spirit.  
O Lord, open my lips, Lord, open my lips.  
And we will sing your praise.

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### SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5: 20 – 6: 2

Paul implored the Corinthians to be reconciled to God right away. As Christ carried their sins upon the cross, so can they bear his holiness within them, if they turn to him. "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

## LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor first time:

Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God!

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## GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 6: 1 – 6, 16 – 18

Jesus warned the disciples against performing religious acts only to attract the attention of others.

## HOMILY

## BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

# ASHES TO ASHES

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Ash - es to ash - es, from dust un - to dust. The  
cross on our fore - head, your prom - ise, O God.

Read - y us to fol - low the way of your Son, to rise from these  
ash - es, re-deemed in the fire of your love.

Verses: Ash Wednesday

1. Sound the trum - pet in Zi - on, an-nounce from the Lord  
2. Rend your hearts, not your gar - ments; re - turn to the Lord,  
3. We have seen in the heav - ens and held in our arms  
4. Let us fast from un - kind - ness and turn from our greed,  
5. Though this life that we trea - sure must fade like the grass,

to Refrain

1. that the day of God's fa - vor is ev - er close at hand.  
2. who de - lights when we of - fer a tru - ly hum - ble heart.  
3. what the hand of our Mak - er can fash-ion out of dust.  
4. giv - ing bread to the hun - gry and lift - ing up the poor.  
5. heav-en's glo - ry a - waits those who put their trust in God.

Verses: Throughout Lent

1. We a - bide in the shad - ow of God's might - y arm, for the  
2. As the high - est of heav - ens sur - pass - es the earth, so the  
3. Though his na - ture is ho - ly yet Christ be - came sin, so that

to Refrain

1. Lord is our ref - uge, the Rock in whom we trust.  
2. might of God's mer - cy is far be-yond our shame.  
3. we might in - her - it the ho - li - ness of God.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **Here I Am, LORD**

I, the LORD of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:** Here I am, LORD. Is it I, LORD? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, LORD, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the LORD of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

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### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **EUCARISTIC RITE**

Holy, Holy, Holy

When We Eat This Bread

Great Amen

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

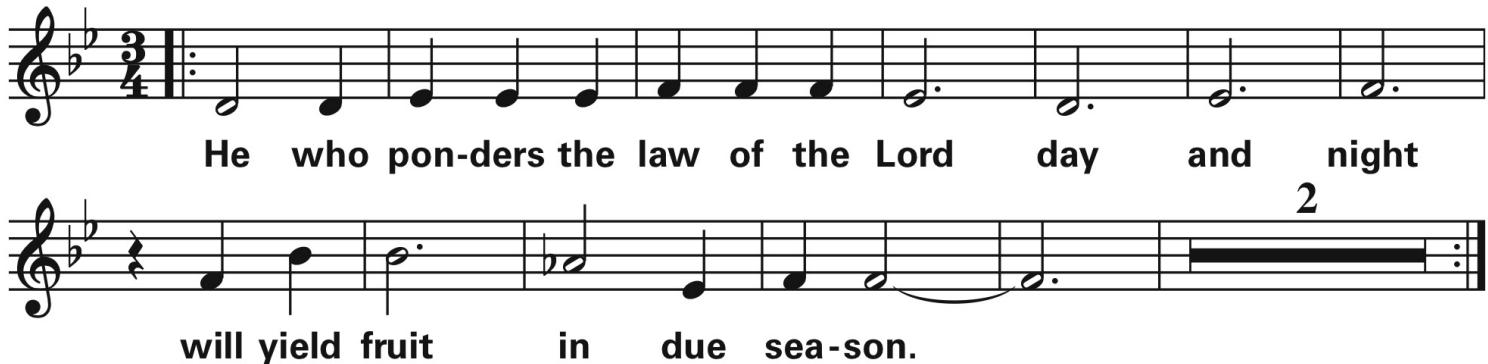
The Lord's Prayer

Peace

Lamb of God

## ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION ANTIphon

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He who pon-ders the law of the Lord day and night  
will yield fruit in due sea-son. 2

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# COMMUNION SONG

## Open My Eyes

Verses



1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.



O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see. *(To verse 2)*  
O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear. *(To verse 3)*  
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love. *(To bridge)*  
I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

Bridge



And the first shall be last, and our eyes are o - pened,



and we'll hear like nev-er be - fore. And we'll speak in new ways,



and we'll see God's face in plac-es we've nev-er known. D.C.

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## **REPOSITION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST (PLEASE RISE)**

### **SENDING FORTH**

#### **Change Our Hearts**

**Refrain:** Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our minds this time, your life could make us free. We are the people your call set apart, Lord, this time, change our hearts.

Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams, one foot in paradise, one in the waste; drawn by your promises, still we are lured by the shadows and the chains we leave behind.

Show us the way that leads to your side, over the mountains and sands of the soul. Be for us manna, water from stone, light which says we never walk alone.

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#### **Lenten Offerings**

**Check out the website and bulletin for  
more information on:**

Adoration  
Reconciliation  
Stations of the Cross  
Sacrament and Soup  
Parish Mission  
Friday Fish Fry