

*Ash Wednesday*  
*Ascension Catholic Church*  
*Melbourne, Florida*  
*February 18, 2026*

*Gathering*

*Again We Keep This Solemn Fast*

*OLD HUNDREDTH*



1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast,  
 2. The law and proph - ets from of old  
 3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make  
 4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way  
 5. We pray, O bless - ed Three in One,



A gift of faith from a - ges past,  
 In fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told,  
 The words we speak, the food we take,  
 That lures the care - less mind a - stray;  
 Our God while end - less a - ges run,



This Lent which binds us lov - ing - ly  
 Which Christ, all a - ges' Lord and Guide,  
 Our sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - 'ry sense;  
 By watch - ful prayer our spir - its free  
 That this, our Lent of for - ty days,



To faith and hope and char - i - ty.  
 In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.  
 Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.  
 From schem - ing of the En - e - my.  
 May bring us growth and give you praise.

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## Liturgy of the Word



*First Reading: Joel 2:12-18*

### *Psalm Response*

*Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord*

*Owen Alstott*



1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.
2. For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always;  
"Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight."
3. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
4. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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*Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2*

### *Gospel Acclamation:*

*Lenten Gospel Acclamation*

*Owen Alstott*



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

*Homily*

## General Intercessions



*Sung twice before all intercessions,  
and twice again at the conclusion of the last intercession.*

### *O God, Hear Us*

*Bob Hurd*



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## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

### *Preparation of Gifts*

#### *Hosea*

*Weston Priory*

Verses

1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let  
    & Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must  
2. The wil - der - ness will lead — you to your  
    In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice with ten - der -  
3. & You shall sleep se - cure with peace; faith - ful -

Refrain

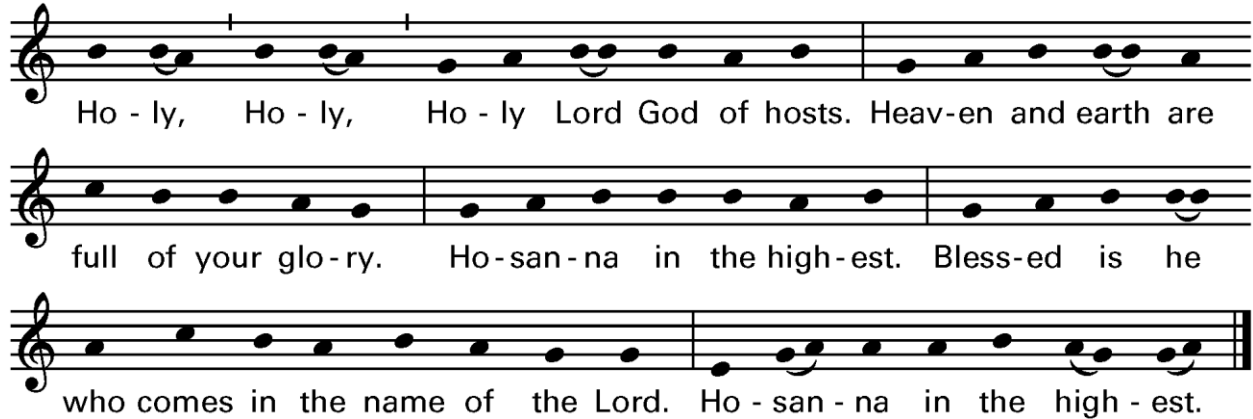
1. fear keep us a - part. Long have I wait-ed for your  
    we to oth - ers' call.  
2. heart where I will speak.  
    ness & you shall know.  
3. ness will be your joy.

com-ing home to me and liv-ing deep-ly our new life.

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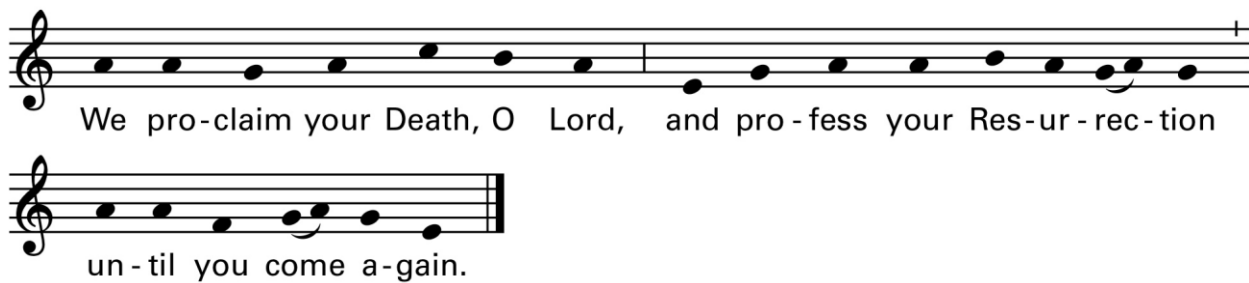
## *Eucharistic Acclamations*

### *Holy*



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### *Memorial Acclamation*



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### *Great Amen*



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## *Rite of Communion* *Agnus Dei*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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## Communion Antiphon

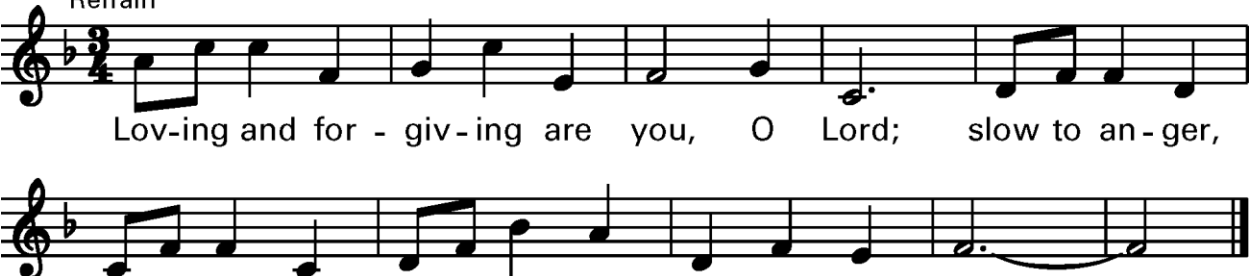
*He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.*

## Communion Songs

### Loving and Forgiving

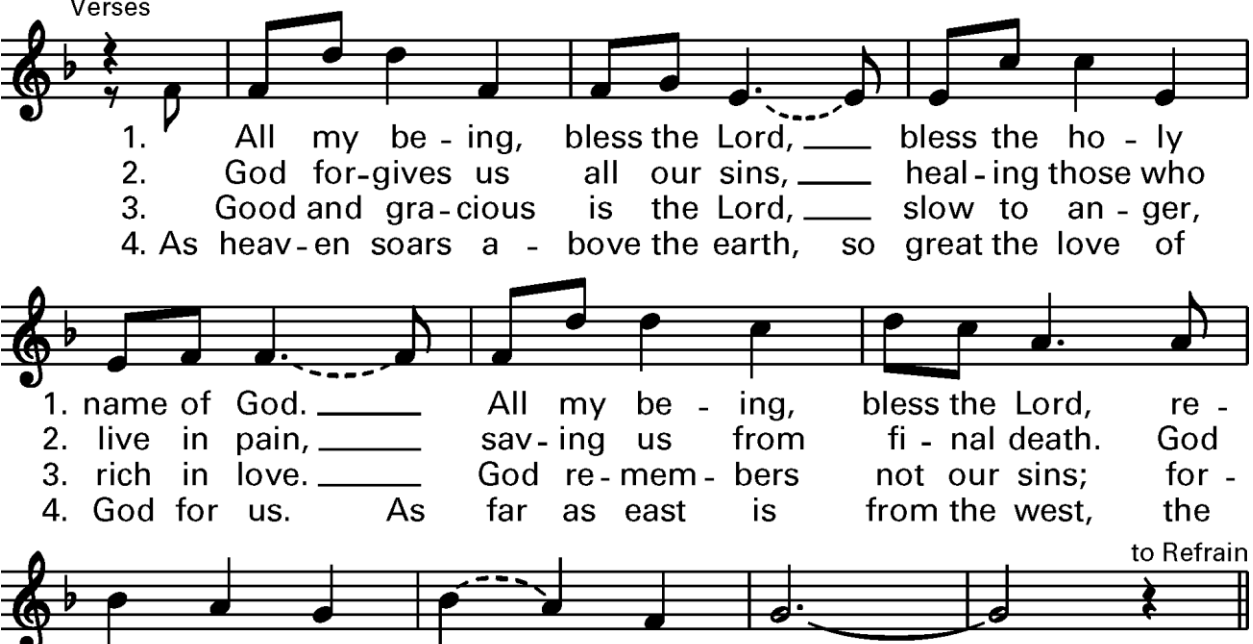
Scott Soper

Refrain



Lov-ing and for - giv-ing are you, O Lord; slow to an-ger,  
rich in kind-ness, lov-ing and for - giv-ing are you.

Verses



1. All my be-ing, bless the Lord, — bless the ho-ly  
2. God for-gives us all our sins, — heal-ing those who  
3. Good and gra-cious is the Lord, — slow to an-ger,  
4. As heav-en soars a-bove the earth, so great the love of

1. name of God. — All my be-ing, bless the Lord, re-  
2. live in pain, — sav-ing us from fi-nal death. God  
3. rich in love. — God re-mem-bers not our sins; for-  
4. God for us. As far as east is from the west, the

to Refrain

1. mem-b'ring the good-ness of God.  
2. fills us with good-ness and love.  
3. giv-ing and lov-ing is God.  
4. Lord takes our sins — from us.

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## *Have Mercy on Us, Lord / Attende Domine*



At - tén-de Dó-mi - ne, et mi - se - ré - re, Qui - a pec - cá - vi-mus  
Have mer-cy on us, Lord, Je-sus our Sav-ior: Bur-dened with sin, we im -



ti - bi. plore you!	1.	O great Re-deem-er, King of all cre - a - tion,
	2.	Ex - alt - ed Sav - ior, Cor - ner-stone of heav - en,
	3.	We beg you, Je - sus, God im-mense in pow - er:
	4.	We stand con - vict - ed, own - ing our of - fens - es;
	5.	Re-mem - ber, Je - sus, you gave all to save us;



1. As we are sin - ners,	we de - serve your judg - ment:
2. Gate of sal - va - tion,	Way to life im - mor - tal:
3. Lis - ten in kind - ness	as we ask for - give - ness:
4. Guil - ty be - fore you,	yet we seek your par - don:
5. Dy - ing for sin - ners,	you en - dured the Pas - sion:



1. Je - sus, be gra - cious;	hear our prayer of sor - row.
2. Send forth your Spir - it;	heal your hum - bled peo - ple!
3. Though sin con-demns us,	you are strong to save us!
4. O gen - tle Sav - ior,	great is your com - pas - sion!
5. Sav - ior, im - mor - tal,	grant your gift of free - dom!

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# MERCY

## Distribution of Ashes

### Turn Our Hearts Around

Trevor Thomson

*All*

Turn our hearts a-round. Turn our hearts a-round.

Flood our souls com-plete-ly, wash us in your love.

Turn our hearts a-round. Turn our hearts a-round.

*To Verses*

Hold us in your mer-cy, change us with your love.

#### VERSES 1-3

*Cantor*

1. We cry out for you to heal and to set us free.

2. We have wan-dered and lost our way in life's wil-der-ness.

3. We have hun-gered for man-y things that are not from you.

*To Refrain*

1.-3. Bring us back. Turn our hearts a-round.

#### VERSES 4-6

*Cantor*

4. We are temp-ted and we are fooled by sin's beau-ti-ful dis-guise.

5. We have stum-bled a-long the path when we walk a-lone.

6. You have prom-ised and yet we doubt your faith-ful word.

*To Refrain*

4.-6. Bring us back. Turn our hearts a-round.

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## *Parce Domine / Spare Your People, Lord*

Par - ce Dó - mi - ne,      par - ce pó - pu - lo      tu - o: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Spare your peo - ple, Lord,      spare your peo - ple in your lov - ing kind - ness!*

ne in ae - tér - num      i - ra - scá - ris no - bis.  
*Show us your mer - cy;      we have sinned      a - gainst you, Lord.*

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