

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,

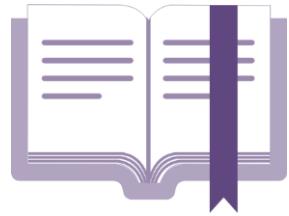
To faith and hope and char - i - ty.
 In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
 Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.
 From schem - ing of the En - e - my.
 May bring us growth and give you praise.

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Liturgy of the Word

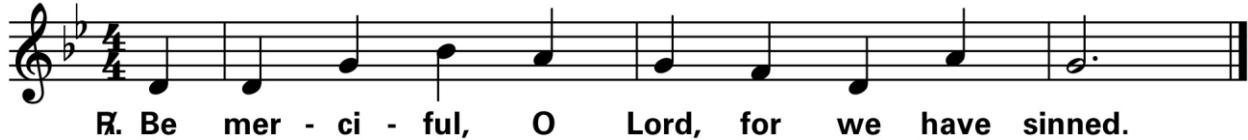


First Reading: Joel 2:12-18

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.

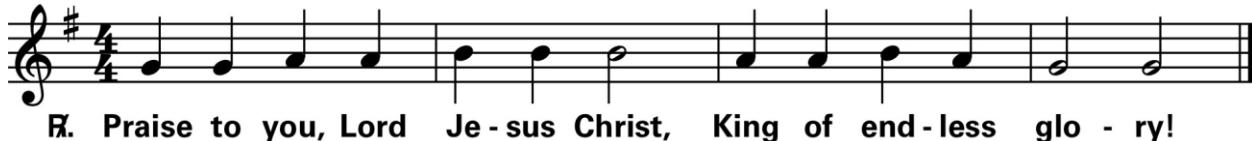
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Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2

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

*Refrain

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Hosea

Weston Priory

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

Refrain

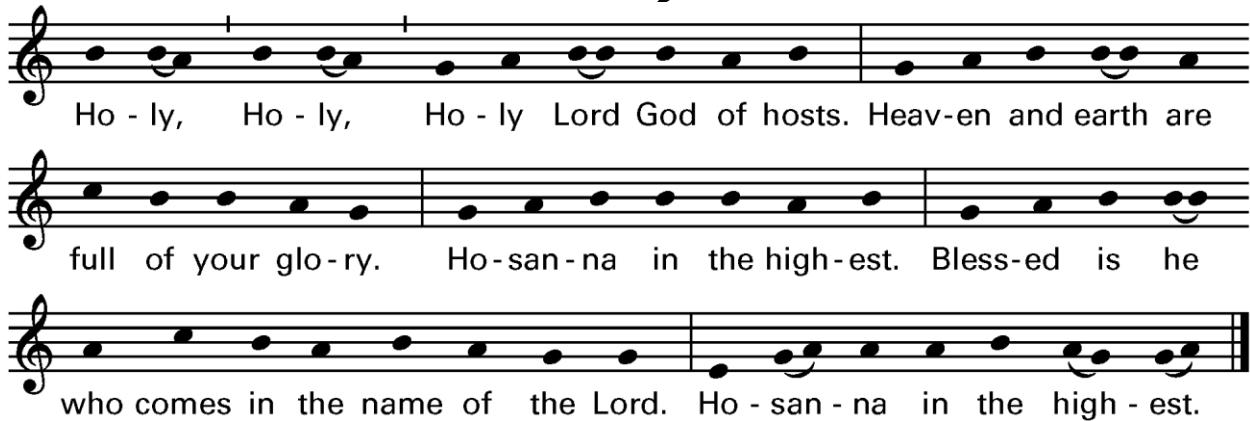
1. fear keep us a - part. Long have I wait-ed for your
we to oth - ers' call.
2. heart where I will speak.
ness ♫ you shall know.
3. ness will be your joy.

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

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Eucharistic Acclamations

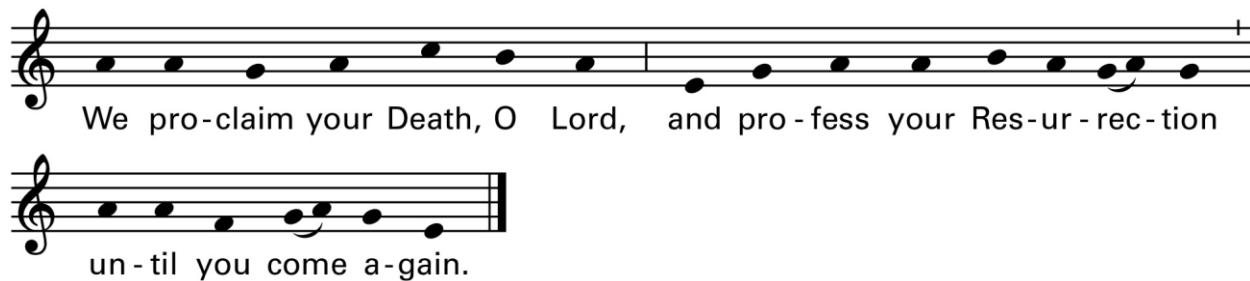
Holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation



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

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Great Amen



A-men.

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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

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.

to Refrain

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Have Mercy on Us, Lord / Attende Domine

Refrain



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. 1. O great Re-deem-er, King of all cre - a - tion,
 plore you! 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!

to Refrain



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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 - té - rú - num i - ra - scá - - ris no - - bis.
Show us your mer-cy; *we have sinned a-against you, Lord.*

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