

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## Ash Wednesday

6:00 PM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*with the Imposition of Ashes*



### ASH WEDNESDAY

Remember you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return

WIDE OPEN DOORS  
WIDE OPEN HEARTS

March 2, 2022

# Gentle Reminders for our Guests today:

As a community in Christ, we are called to work together to create an inclusive worship experience that is **safe for everyone** – ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.



As a gentle reminder, **please wear your masks at all times over your mouth and nose** when inside of the Church and its adjoining property. We ask that you gently remind your neighbors to do the same when necessary.

During **the Peace**, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Please be sure that your neighbor is comfortable with physical connections before offering that kind of peace.



**Children** are welcome to join us for worship services today! We do not mind little voices and noises that children naturally make, so don't worry if they are not sitting perfectly still and silent! That's not normal! We do ask that all family members sit together throughout the service.

**Cell Phones:** Please make sure your cell phone is **turned off or turned to silent** during the service Thank you!

**Offering:** We will not be passing a plate today, you can give to the church by dropping your envelope or money in the plate located near the table with the bulletins. You can also text **CHT DONATE** to **73256**. or use the Realm app on your phone.



**Communion** will be given in the form of bread only. The priest will bring the bread to you in your seat. We ask that you please use the individual hand sanitizer before receiving and stand in your pew to indicate your desire to receive communion.

Thank you for joining us today and helping us with your cooperation. Together — we'll get through this.

# HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

## WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

**Prelude**

*Aus tiefer Not*, BWV 687

Johann Sebastian Bach

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

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*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all 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 you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

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**First Lesson:** Isaiah 58: 1-12

*Emily Casey*

*Reader* A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

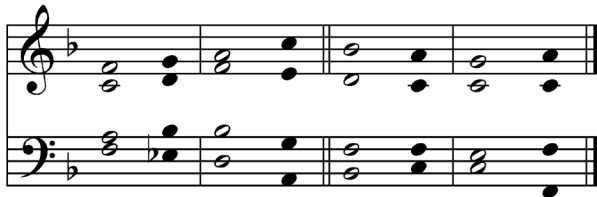
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103** *Benedic, anima mea*



*The choir intones the psalm:*

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my | *soul*,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy | *Name*.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my | *soul*,  
and forget not all his | *benefits*.

*All sing:*

- <sup>3</sup> He forgives all your | *sins*  
and heals all your in- | *firmities*;
- <sup>4</sup> He redeems your life from the | *grave*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving- | *kindness*;
- <sup>5</sup> He satisfies you with good | *things*,  
and your youth is renewed like an | *eagle's*.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD executes | *righteousness*  
and judgment for all who are op- | *pressed*.
- <sup>7</sup> He made his ways known to | *Moses*  
and his works to the children of | *Israel*.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is full of compassion and | *mercy*,  
slow to anger and of great | *kindness*.
- <sup>9</sup> He will not always ac- | *cuse us*,  
nor will he keep his anger for- | *ever*.
- <sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our | *sins*,  
nor rewarded us according to our | *wickedness*.
- <sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the | *earth*,  
so is his mercy great upon those who | *fear him*.
- <sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the | *west*,  
so far has he removed our sins from | *us*.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father cares for his | *children*,  
so does the LORD care for those who | *fear him*.
- <sup>14</sup> For he himself knows whereof we are | *made*;  
he remembers that we are but | *dust*.

**Second Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6: 10

*Emily Casey*

*Reader*      A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

We entreat 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. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of 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 are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*Reader*       The Word of the Lord

*People*       **Thanks be to God**

*Silence is kept.*

*The people stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel*

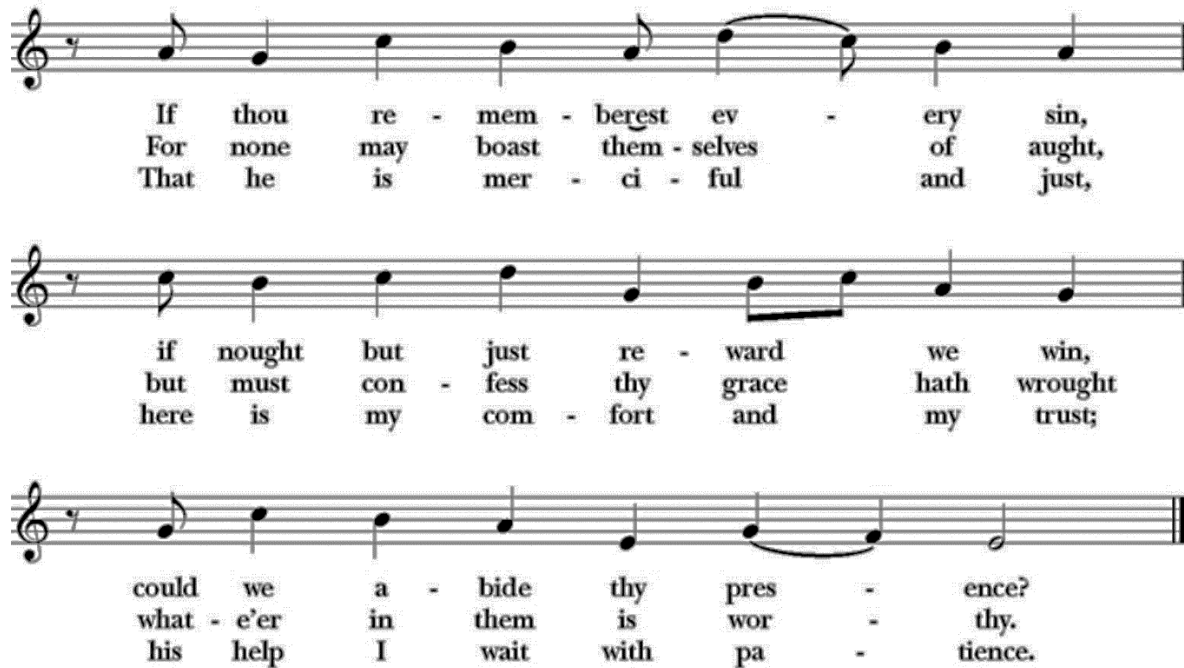
**Sequence Hymn: 151** From deepest woe I cry to thee

*Aus tiefer Not*

1 From deep - est woe I cry to thee; Lord, hear me, I im -  
 2 Thou grant - est par - don through thy love; thy grace a - lone a -  
 3 And thus my hope is in the Lord, and not in my own

plore thee! Bend down thy gra - cious ear to me;  
 vail - eth. Our works could ne'er our guilt re - move;  
 mer - it; I rest up - on his faith - ful word

I lay my sins be - fore thee.  
 yea, e'en the best life fail - eth.  
 to them of con - trite spi - rit.



*Celebrant*  
*People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell 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 done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever 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 whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store 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 your heart will be also."

*Minister*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All may be seated.*

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner*

*After the sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent.*

*Celebrant*     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.

*Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.*



*Celebrant* Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Imposition of Ashes**

*You are invited to come forward to the two stations on either side of the church.*

*The ashes are imposed with the following words:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*The people sit or kneel.*

*The following Psalm is sung by the choir.*

### **Psalm 51** *Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

## Litany of Penitence

*All*            **Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*Celebrant*    We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People*        **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*People*        **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People*        **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*People*        **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,  
*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;  
*People* **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

*Celebrant* Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,  
*People* **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

*Celebrant* By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
*People* **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of

their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people stand*

## Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*You are invited to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Please be sure that your neighbor is comfortable with any physical connections before offering that kind of peace.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

### Anthem

*Out of the Deep*

Thomas Morley

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

*All stand and sing*

**Offertory Hymn: 140** Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun

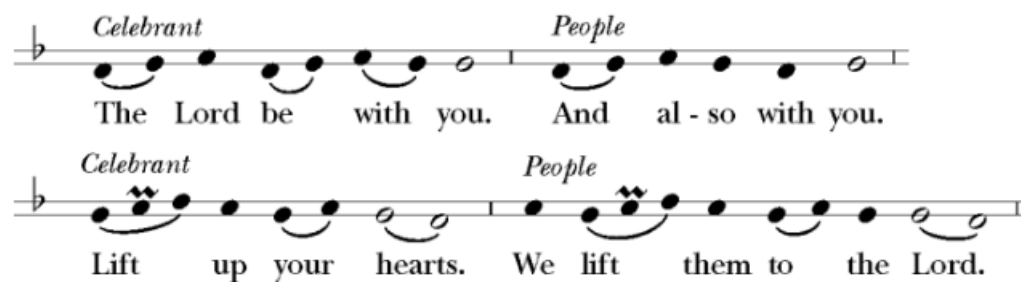
*Donne*



1 Wilt thou for - give that sin, where I be - gun,  
2 Wilt thou for - give that sin, by which I won,  
3 I have a sin of fear that when I've spun  
which is my sin, though it were done be - fore?  
o - thers to sin, and made my sin their door?  
my last thread, I shall per - ish on the shore;  
Wilt thou for - give those sins through which I run,  
Wilt thou for - give that sin which I did shun  
swear by thy - self, that at my death thy Son  
and do run still, though still I do de - plore?  
a year or two, but wal - lowed in a score?  
shall shine as he shines now, and here - to - fore.  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.  
And hav - ing done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**



*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Sanctus: S-122

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
power and might, hea - ven 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.

*The people remain standing or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

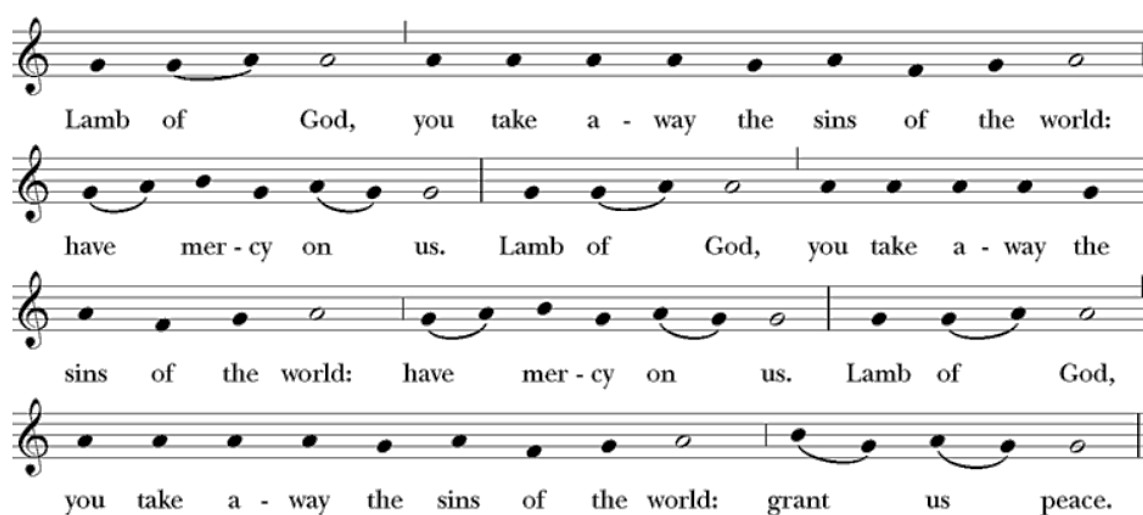
Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
     as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
     but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
     for ever and ever. Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Agnus Dei: S-161



*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
 Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(for those at home or not receiving communion today.)*

*All* My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament  
 of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.  
 Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually  
 into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and  
 unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.  
 Amen. *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*



## Distribution of Communion

*Communion will be given in one kind only (bread). Those who wish to receive communion should sanitize their hands and stand in their pews. The priest will give communion to the choir and organist first, and then will bring it to the congregation in their pews. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing for yourself or your child, please let the priest know when they come to your pew.*

### Communion Motet

*Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past,  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.  
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,  
now and evermore.  
Amen.

*The people stand or kneel.*

### Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Blessing

*Celebrant* Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

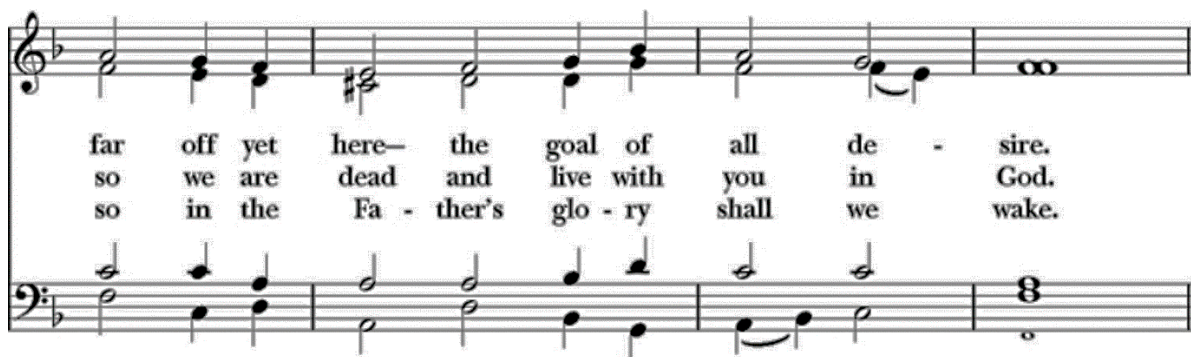
*Unison or harmony*

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,



## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people leave in silence. As a sign of fasting during the season of Lent, there will be no Postludes until the Great Vigil of Easter.*

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