



Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes &
Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 + 1 PM
St. John's Chapel Del Monte

Welcome to St. John's Chapel!

We are glad that you are worshipping with us today and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor, please fill out a Connection Card (pew rack) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Let this bulletin be your guide through the service; it includes everything you need.

The Forty Days of Lent begin today with Ash Wednesday. *The Liturgy invites us “to an 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.” This first day of Lent sets the pattern for our Lenten observance. As a result of the discipline we follow during this time of preparation, we should recognize that we are sinful and come to the awareness that we need to change (repent) and be changed. Our repentance becomes the way to a renewed relationship with God, opening us up to accept God’s love, mercy and peace.*

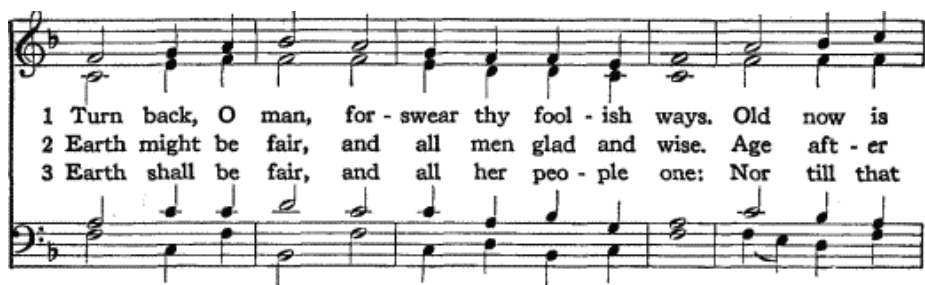
In the scriptures for Ash Wednesday we hear the call to reconcile with God: and we discover once again that we are part of a vast company of believers in every age on pilgrimage into God’s kingdom.

Please come back this Sunday to continue your Lenten observance.

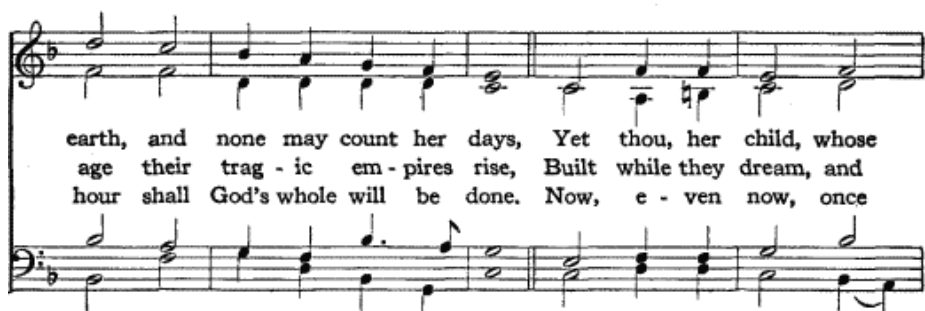
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PRELUDE

HYMN 536 *Turn back, O man* *All stand as able*



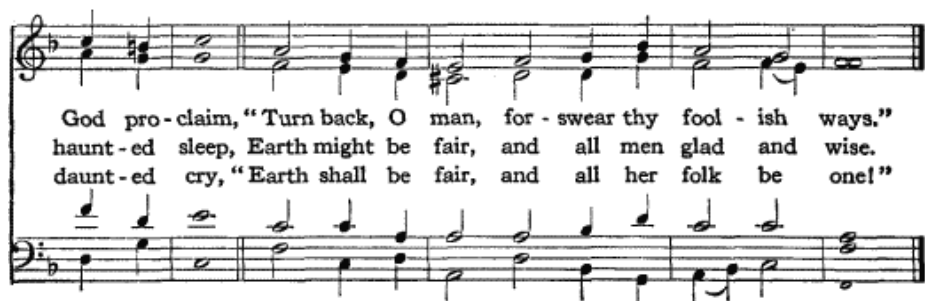
1 Turn back, O man, for - swear thy fool - ish ways. Old now is
 2 Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise. Age aft - er
 3 Earth shall be fair, and all her peo - ple one: Nor till that



earth, and none may count her days, Yet thou, her child, whose
 age their trag - ic em - pires rise, Built while they dream, and
 hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, e - ven now, once



head is crowned with flame, Still wilt not hear thine in - ner
 in that dream - ing weep: Would man but wake from out his
 more from earth to sky Peals forth in joy man's old, un -



God pro - claim, "Turn back, O man, for - swear thy fool - ish ways."
 haunt - ed sleep, Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise.
 daunt - ed cry, "Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Priest says to the people

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Priest: Let us pray.

The people kneeling

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those 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 thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Reader: A reading from the 2nd chapter of the Book of Joel, beginning at the 1st verse.

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near--

a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains
a great and powerful army comes;

their like has never been from of old,
nor will be again after them
in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.

Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,
‘Where is their God?’”

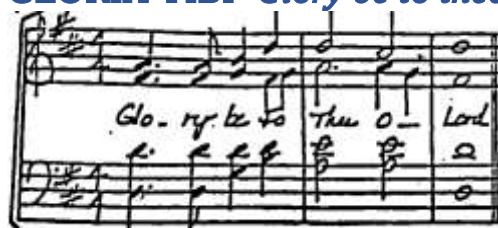
Reader: Here endeth the Old Testament Lesson.

THE GOSPEL: St. Matthew 6:16-21

All standing as able, the Priest reads the Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel is written in the 6th chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the 16th verse.

GLORIA TIBI *Glory be to thee, O Lord*



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.

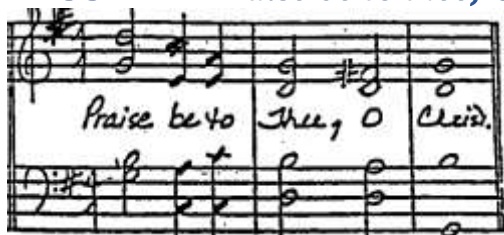
Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

LAUS TIBI *Praise be to thee, O Christ*



HYMN *God be in my head*

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God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;

God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;

God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;

God be in my heart, and in my think - ing;

God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

The people sit

SERMON *Taking Inventory*

Fr. Rick Miles

OFFERTORY

Priest Let us with gladness present the offerings
and oblations of our life and labour to the Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Standing as able

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,
People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

The celebrant continues

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 kept for a time, all kneeling.

BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Holding the ashes, the Priest continues

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.*

Those people desiring may come and kneel before the altar rail to receive the imposition of ashes.

The ashes are imposed with the following words

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

PENITENTIAL OFFICE

The Priest and the People kneeling as able, then shall be said by them this Psalm following.

Psalm 51 *Miserere mei, Deus.*

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.*

***Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and
cleanse me from my sin.***

***For I acknowledge my faults, * and my sin is ever
before me.***

***Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in
thy sight; * that thou mightest be justified in thy
saying, and clear when thou art judged.***

***Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, * and in sin hath
my mother conceived me.***

***But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, * and
shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.***

***Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
* thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.***

***Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, * that
the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.***

***Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my mis-
deeds.***

***Make me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right
spirit within me.***

***Cast me not away from thy presence, * and take not
thy holy Spirit from me.***

***O give me the comfort of thy help again, * and stablish
me with thy free Spirit.***

***Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, * and
sinners shall be converted unto thee.***

***Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art
the God of my health; * and my tongue shall sing of
thy righteousness.***

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth

shall show thy praise.

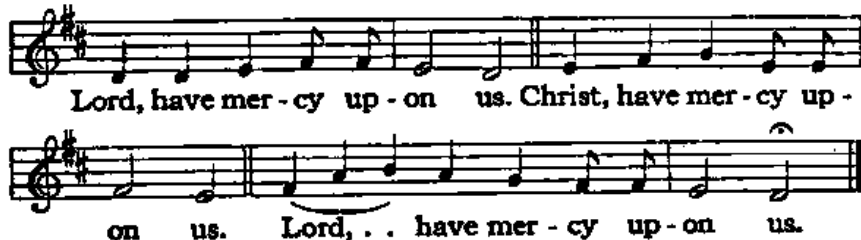
*For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee;
* but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.*

*The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken
and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.*

*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.*

Kyrie



Suffrages

*The Priest and people kneeling as able, says [with the
people]*

O Lord, save thy servants;

That put their trust in thee.

Send unto them help from above.

And evermore mightily defend them.

Help us, O God our Saviour.

*And for the glory of thy Name deliver us; be merciful
to us sinners, for thy Name's sake.*

O Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come unto thee.

Prayers

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

All pray together

Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon

mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Priest shall say,

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

The Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. ***Amen.***

HOLY COMMUNION

People standing as able, the Priest shall proceed, saying

THE SURSUM CORDA

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Answer. ***And with thy spirit.***

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. ***It is meet and right so to do.***

The people standing as able, then shall the Priest turn to the Holy Table, and says

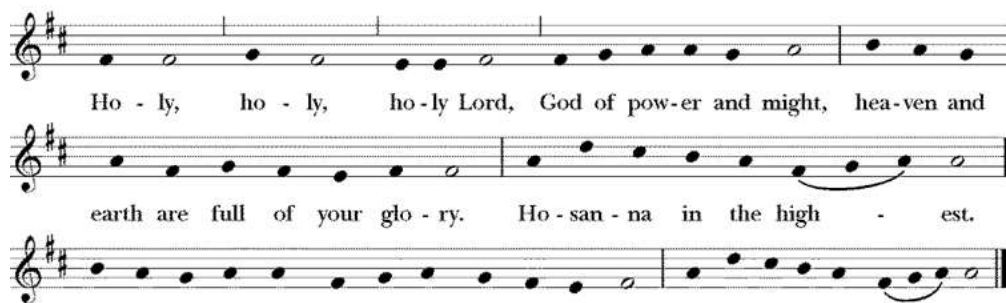
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

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Priest and people standing as able



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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 kneeling as able. When the Priest, standing before the Holy Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the People, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made

there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

THE OBLATION

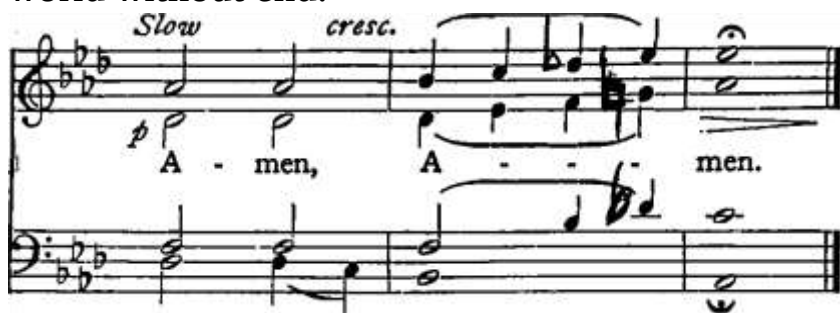
Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

THE INVOCATION

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and

service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest and people

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.

Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, says [with the people], in the name of all those who shall receive the Communion, this Prayer following

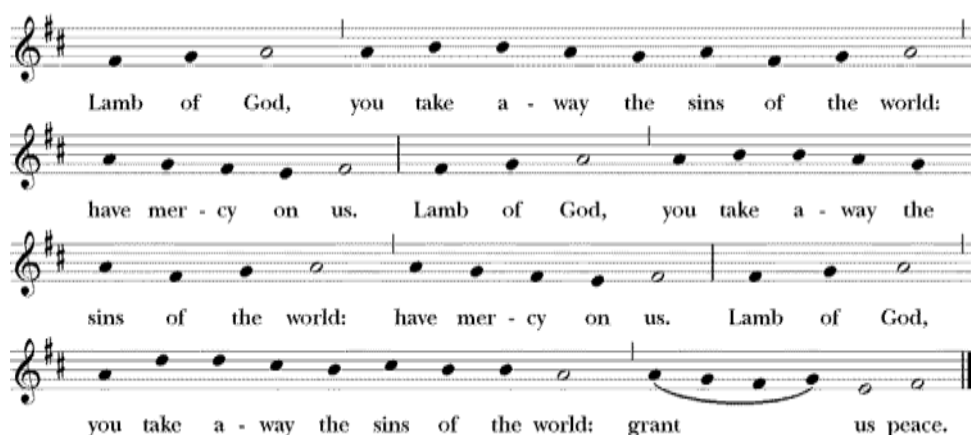
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Priest and people

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The priest turns to the people and says

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Then shall the Priest First receive the Holy Communion in both kinds himself, and proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, in like manner, (if any be present,) and, after that, to the People also in order, into their hands, all devoutly kneeling.

And when he delivereth the Bread, he shall say

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

And when the Priest delivereth the Cup, he shall say

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

The people kneeling as able, then shall the Priest say
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful

people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

All standing as able

TRISAGION (sung 3 times)

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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THE BLESSING

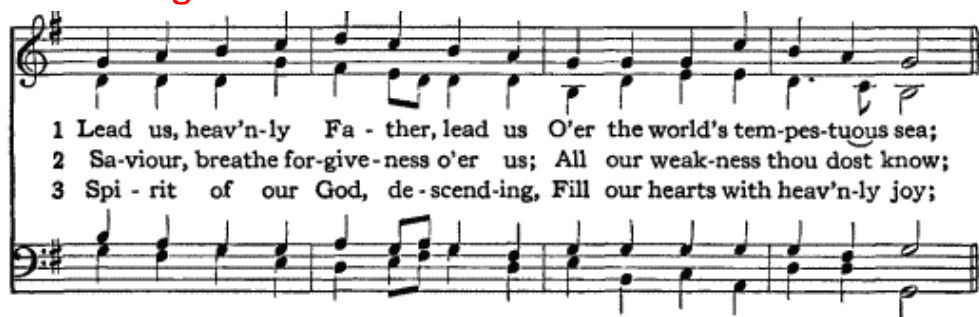
Then, the People kneeling, the Priest (the Bishop if present) shall let them depart with this Blessing

Bow down before the Lord.

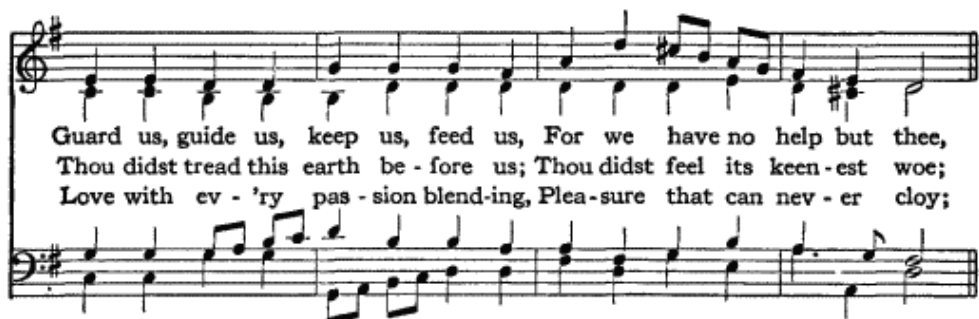
Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people

pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

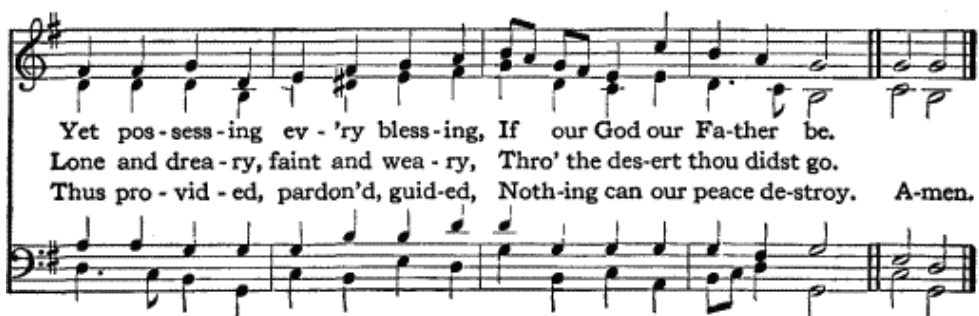
HYMN 567 *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
Standing as able*



1 Lead us, heav'n-ly Fa - ther, lead us O'er the world's tem-pes-tuous sea;
2 Sa-viour, breathe for-give-ness o'er us; All our weak-ness thou dost know;
3 Spi - rit of our God, de-scend-ing, Fill our hearts with heav'n-ly joy;



Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, For we have no help but thee,
Thou didst tread this earth be - fore us; Thou didst feel its keen-est woe;
Love with ev - 'ry pas - sion blend-ing, Plea-sure that can nev - er cloy;



Yet pos-sess-ing ev - 'ry bless-ing, If our God our Fa-ther be.
Lone and drea-ry, faint and wea - ry, Thro' the des-ert thou didst go.
Thus pro - vid - ed, pardon'd, guid-ed, Noth-ing can our peace de-stroy. A-men.

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Today

Acolyte: Art Brost

Lay Reader: Monica Nathan

Usher: Chibby Ogbuka

Pastoral Emergency? Please call the church office (831) 375-4463, or to get in touch with Fr. Rick call (336) 613-2829.

Upcoming

- Sunday, February 22, Morning Prayer at 10 AM
- Sunday, March 1, Holy Communion at 10 AM

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