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Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

12:10 and 5:30 p.m.

The People stand as the Procession enters.

INTROIT

Orlandus Lassus
(1532-1594)

EXALTABO te Domine,
quoniam suscepisti me
nec delectasti inimicos meos super me.
Domine clamavi ad te
et sanasti me.

*I will magnify thee, O Lord,
for thou hast set me up:
and not made my foes to triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I cried unto thee:
and thou hast healed me.*

Offertory for Ash Wednesday

THE SALUTATION AND THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect, following which the People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

After the Reading, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:8-14

Sung by the Choir. The People remain seated.

Plainsong (*Tone V³*)

THE Lord is full of compassion and mercy,* long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9 He will not always be chiding;* neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins;* nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth;* so great is his mercy also toward them
that fear him.
12 Look how wide also the east is from the west;* so far hath he set our sins from us.
13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children;* even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
14 For he knoweth whereof we are made;* he remembereth that we are but dust.
Glorify 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.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

After the Reading, the Subdeacon says

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

All stand to sing.

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

FORTY days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

3. Then if Satan on us press
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!

2. Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?

4. So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

All remain standing.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the proclamation of the Gospel:

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rector

THE INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

The People stand and the Celebrant says

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 alms-giving; 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.

∩ 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 Savior.
℞ 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.
∩ Let us pray.

The Celebrant says these prayers

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.*

THE BLESSING OF ASHES

Celebrant Let us pray that the Lord will bless these ashes as a token of our repentance.

ALMIGHTY God, thou hast 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 thy gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Whilst the Psalm is sung by the Choir, ashes are imposed with these words:

Remember, that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. (*Genesis 3:19*)

AT THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES, PSALM 51 Miserere mei, Deus
Page 403 in The Book of Common Prayer

Gregorio Allegri
(c. 1582-1652)

CONFESSION OF SIN

The People kneel and join in saying this prayer

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favorable, O Lord, be favorable 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.*

The Celebrant stands and says

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth ✠ and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; 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 PEACE

The People stand.

Celebrant Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SETTING

Missa Deus genitor alme

Plainsong

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN

LOVE UNKNOWN

MY song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2. He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.

3. Sometimes they strew his way,
and his strong praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves
displease, and 'gainst him rise.

5. They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

6. In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine:
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Preface for Lent.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People kneel.

The Celebrant continues and concludes: "O Father Almighty, world without end."

All AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

AT THE COMMUNION, AGNUS DEI AND MOTET

Alonso Lobo
(1555-1617)

VERSA est in luctum cithara mea,
et organum meum in vocem flentium.
Parce mihi Domine,
nihil enim sunt dies mei.

*My harp is turned to grieving
and my flute to the voice of those who weep.
Spare me, O Lord,
for my days are as nothing.*

Job 30:31

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and join in saying this prayer

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. 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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon Bow down before the Lord. (*Silence is kept.*)
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.*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The People depart in silence.

Ashes are imposed throughout the day.

***Confessions in the Resurrection Chapel and Chantry Chapel
Today***

11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Resurrection Chapel; Confessor: Fr. Spencer
12:45 to 2 p.m. Resurrection Chapel; Confessor: Fr. Moretz
3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Resurrection Chapel; Confessor: Fr. Moretz
Chantry Chapel Confessor: Fr. Brown
4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Resurrection Chapel; Confessor: The Rector
Chantry Chapel Confessor: Mo. Mallonee

Saturday, February 29

11 to 11:45 a.m. Resurrection Chapel; Confessor: Fr. Spencer



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