

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

FIRST CLASS

VIOLET

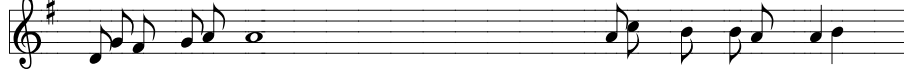
The Blessing of Ashes

The clergy enter from the Sacristy.

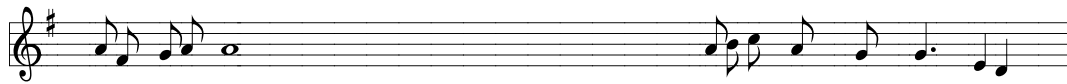
THE PSALM + PSALM 69.16,1-4,13-15

TONE VII

ANTIPHON



Hear us, O Lord, for Your loving kind-ness is good:

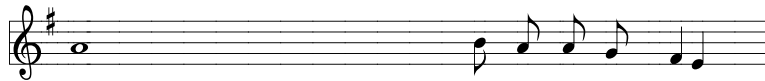


Turn to us according to the multitude of Your ten-der mer-cies.

PSALM



Save me, O God:



For the waters have come in, e-ven to my soul.

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev-er. A-men

ANTIPHON



Hear us, O Lord, ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

THE COLLECTS

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, spare the penitent, and to be favorable to those who call on You: and deign to send Your holy angel from heaven to ble \times ss and sanc \times tify these ashes that they may be a wholesome medicine to all who humbly call on Your holy name, who in their consciences are accused by sin, who in the sight of Your heavenly mercy lament their sins, and earnestly and meekly implore Your gracious loving-kindness; and grant to all who call on Your most holy Name; that being sprinkled with these ashes for redemption from their transgressions, they may be preserved evermore both in body and soul, through Christ Our Lord.

Let us pray.

O God, who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his wickedness and live: we beseech You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature; and, of Your goodness, deign to bless and sanctify these ashes which will be put on our heads as a sign of our humility and Your pardon of our sins; that we, who acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return because of our vileness, may by Your mercy may worthily receive both the pardon of all our sins, and the reward which You promise to those who are penitent, through Christ Our Lord.

Let us pray.

O God, who turns to those who humble themselves and is favorable to those who amend themselves: incline Your gracious ear to our prayers, and on those who are now sprinkled with these ashes, pour on their heads the grace of Your benediction; that being filled with the spirit of true repentance, they may effectually receive those things which they have asked according to Your will; and we beseech You to ordain that we, who are established in Your blessings, may cling to them unto life everlasting, through Christ Our Lord.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who bestowed the healing of Your loving-kindness upon the Ninevites as they repented in dust and ashes:
mercifully grant;
that we, who now imitate them outwardly, may receive the same pardon,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

The Celebrant blesses the Ashes with holy water saying:

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

The Celebrant then blesses the Ashes with three single swings of incense.

The Imposition of Ashes

Parishioners approach the Altar, as at communion, to receive the blessed ashes.

Using the right thumb, the Celebrant places the ashes on the forehead in the sign of a cross saying:

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

There is no Dismissal from the rail. A hymn may be sung during the imposition of ashes.

After all have received the Ashes, the congregation is signaled to stand.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech You, O Lord:
that we who now with prayer and fasting put on the armor of our Christian warfare;
may be defended against all spiritual wickedness and, at the last, obtain the victory,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

The Celebrant goes to the Pastor's Kneeling desk for Confession.

THE CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

KNEEL.

A period of silence is kept for self-examination.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. And I pray Thee, of Thy boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter, sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my Office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

A Hymn is sung while the Celebrant changes from the Cope into the Chasuble.

The Mass

INTROIT + WISDOM 11.24-26; PSALM 57.1

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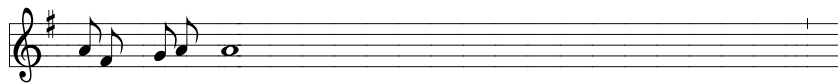
ANTIPHON



You have mercy on all, O Lord,



and abhor no - thing You have made.

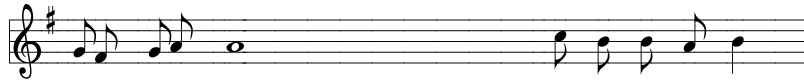


You look past the sins of men that they may repent:



You spare all because they are Yours, and You are the lov-er of souls.

PSALM

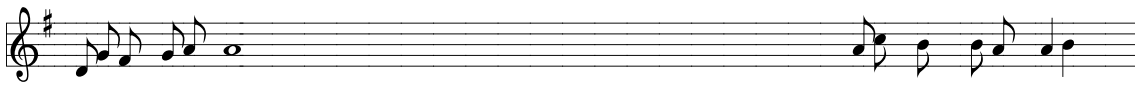


Be mer - ciful to me, O God, be mer-ci- ful to me:



For my soul trusts in You.

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev-er. A-men

ANTIPHON



You have mercy ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing You have made and forgives the sins of all who are penitent:

create in us new and contrite hearts;

that we, worthily repenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + JOEL 2.12-19

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

Thus says the Lord God: "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will 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, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly;

Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes;

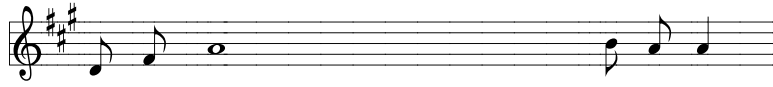
Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, "Spare Your people, O Lord, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "

Then the Lord will be zealous for His land, and pity His people. The Lord will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, and you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations."

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 57.1,3

TONE V



Be mer-ciful to me, O God, be merci-ful to me:



For my soul trusts in You.



The Lord shall send from heaven and save me:



He reproaches the one who would swal-low me up.

EPISTLE + 1 JOHN 1.5-9

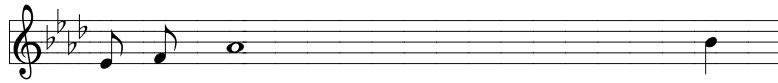
A reading from the epistle of blessed John the Apostle.

Beloved: This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

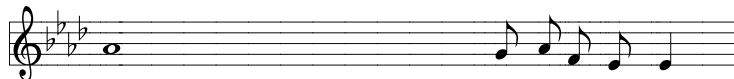
The Word of the Lord.

TRACT + PSALM 103.10, 79.8-9

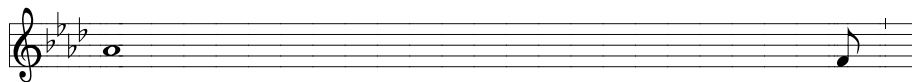
TONE VIII



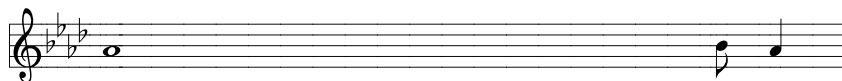
O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins:



Nor punish us according to our in-i-qui-ties.



O Lord, do not remember former iniquities against us;



let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us:

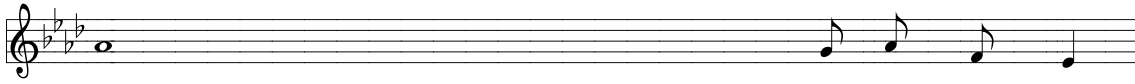


For we have been brought ver-y low.

Kneel



Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name, O Lord:



And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, for Your name's sake!

GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 6.16-21

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

✠ At that time Jesus spoken to His disciples saying: “When you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

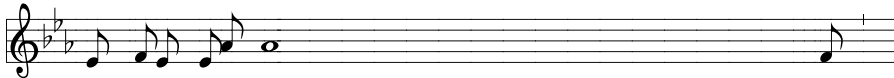
The Nicene Creed is said.

CHIEF HYMN

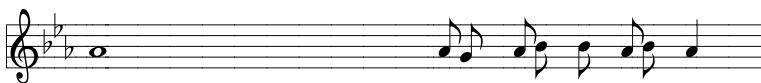
“From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee” (*Aus tiefer Not schrei’ ich zu dir*)

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 30.1-2

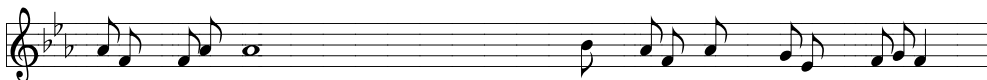
TONE II



I will ex - tol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up,



and have not let my foes re - jice o-ver me:



O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

SECRETA

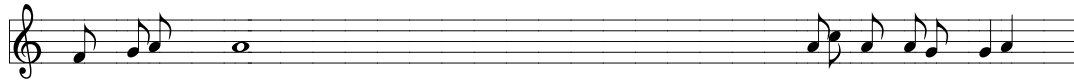
Grant, we beseech You, O Lord: that as we remember the institution of the Holy Sacrament; so we may be enabled by You to offer this oblation according to Your will, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Lent

COMMUNIO + PSALM 1.2,3

TONE I



He who meditates day and night and delights in the law of the Lord:



Brings forth his fruit in its sea-son.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

We beseech You, O Lord, mercifully to protect us who have now received this Holy Sacrament: so that our fast may be acceptable in Your sight; and profitable for the healing of our souls, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

Then, immediately after the Post-Communion collect, the Celebrant says:

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Look down in mercy, O Lord, upon us now kneeling before Your majesty: that we who have partaken of Your heavenly gifts; may evermore be strengthened with Your heavenly comfort, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

INVOCABIT, THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

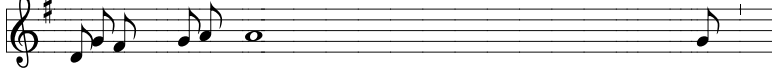
FIRST CLASS

VIOLET

INTROIT + PSALM 91.15,16,1

TONE VII

ANTIPHON



He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;

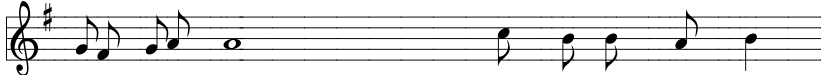


I will deliver him and honor him:

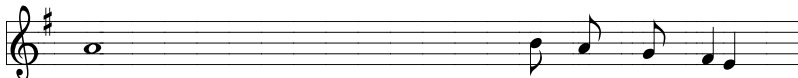


With long life I will satisfy him.

PSALM

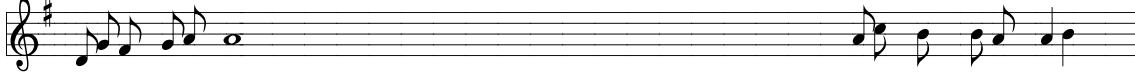


He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High:



Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev-er. A-men

ANTIPHON



He shall call upon Me, *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

The Gloria in Excelsis is not sung.

COLLECT

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer:
and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty;
to defend us from all those who rise up against us,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + GENESIS 22.1-14

A reading from the first book of Moses, commonly called Genesis.

In those days God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of

Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”

So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

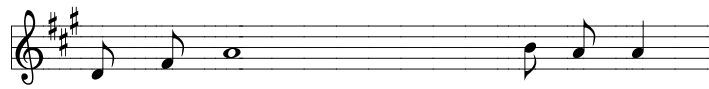
Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.” And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-WILL-PROVIDE; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided.”

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 91.11-12

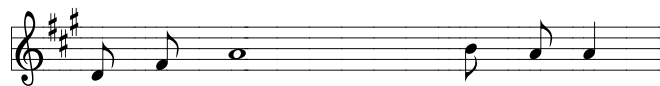
TO NE V



God shall give His angels charge o- ver you:



To keep you in all your ways.



In their hands they shall bear you up:



Lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

EPISTLE + 2 CORINTHIANS 6.1-10

A reading from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.

Brethren: We plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

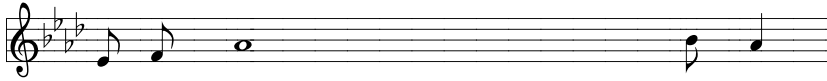
We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on

the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

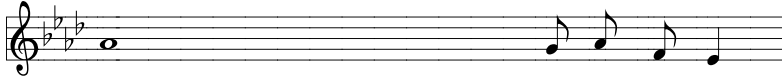
The Word of the Lord.

TRACT + PSALM 91.1-7,11-16

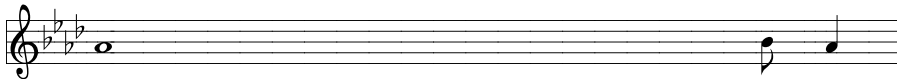
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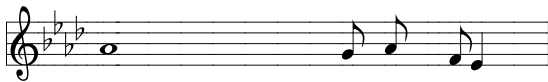
He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High:



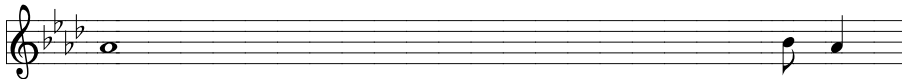
Shall abide under the shadow of the Al-migh-ty.



I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my for-tress:



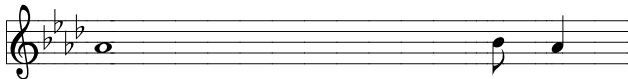
My God, in Him will I trust.



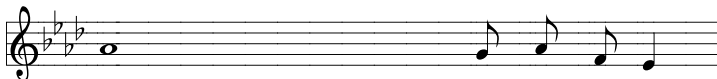
Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowl-er:



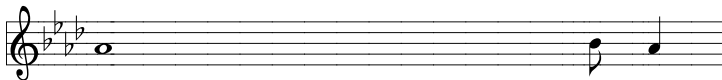
And from the per-i-lous pest-i-lence.



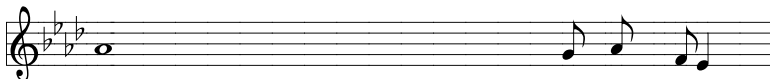
He shall cover you with His fea-thers,



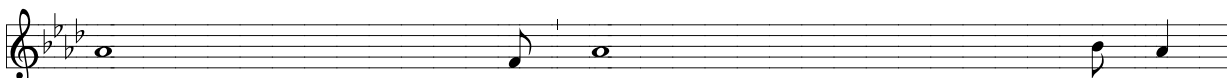
And under His wings you shall take re-fuge.



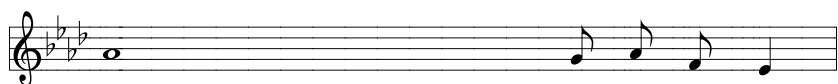
His truth shall be your shield and buck-ler:



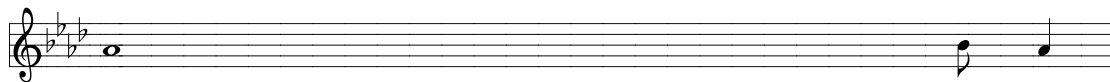
You shall not be afraid of the terr-or by night.



Nor of the arrow that flies by day; Nor of the pestilence that walks in dark-ness:



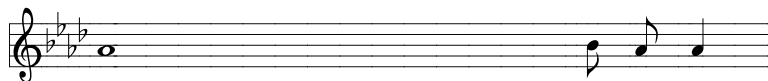
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noon-day.



A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand:



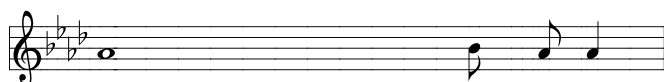
But it shall not come near you.



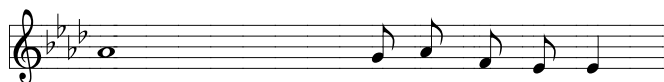
For He shall give His angels charge o- ver you:



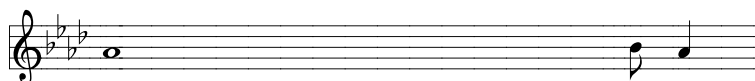
To keep you in all your ways.



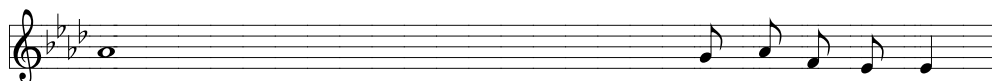
In their hands they shall bear you up:



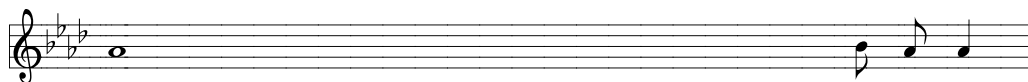
Lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.



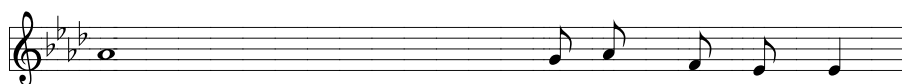
You shall tread upon the lion and the co-bra:



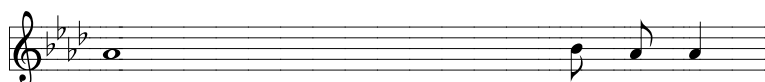
The young lion and the serpent you shall tram-ple un-der foot.



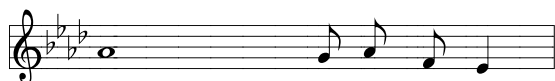
Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will de-liv- er him:



I will set him on high, because he has known My name.



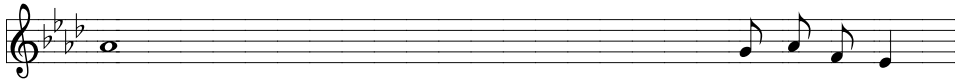
He shall call upon Me, and I will ans-wer him:



I will be with him in trou-ble.



I will deliver him and hon-or him.



With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My sal-va-tion.

GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 4.1-11

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

✠ At that time Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ” Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’ ” Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

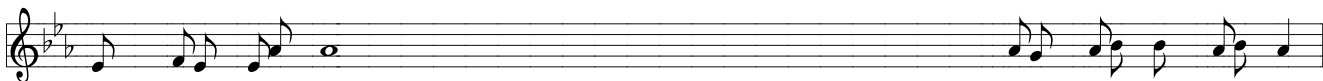
The Gospel of the Lord.

CHIEF HYMN

“Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing” (*Jesu, deine tiefen Wunden*)

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 91.4

-tone II



The Lord shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take re - fuge:



His truth shall be your shield and buck- ler.

SECRETA

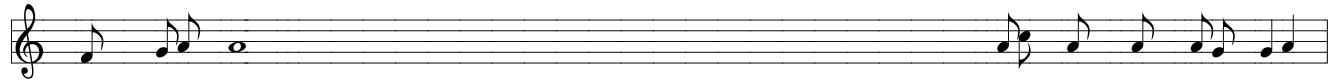
Grant, we beseech You, O Lord: that we who offer this oblation at the beginning of our Lenten fast; may both abstain from carnal feasting, and likewise refrain from all pleasures that may hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Lent

COMMUNIO + PSALM 91.4

TONE I



The Lord shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take re - fuge:



His truth shall be your shield and buck-ler.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant, O Lord, that this Holy Sacrament which we have received:
may deliver us from our former nature;
so that we may be worthy to enter into the fellowship of Your saving mysteries,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

EMBER WEDNESDAY IN LENT

SECOND CLASS

VIOLET

INTROIT + PSALM 25.6,2,22,1-2

Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old; let not my enemies triumph over me.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, out of all our troubles!

Ps. To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed;

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old; let not my enemies triumph over me.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, out of all our troubles!

COLLECT

Let us pray. Let us kneel.

Let us stand.

We beseech You, O Lord:

graciously hear our prayers;

and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to be our defense against all adversities, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING + EXODUS 24.12-18

A reading from the second book of Moses, commonly called Exodus.

In those days the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. Now the glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 25.17-18

The troubles of my heart have enlarged:

Bring me out of my distresses!

Look on my affliction and my pain:

And forgive all my sins.

COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

We beseech You, O Lord, graciously to regard the devout prayers of Your people: that they, who mortify the deeds of the flesh by abstinence; may, by the fruit of good works, be renewed in the spirit of their minds, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

SECOND READING + 1 KINGS 19.3-8

A reading from the book of Kings.

In those days, Elijah went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

The Word of the Lord.

TRACT + PSALM 25.17,18,1-3

Bring me out of my distresses, O Lord:

Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You:

Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed:

Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 12.38-50

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

✠ At that time some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 119.47-48

I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I love:

My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, which I love.

SECRETA

Accept, O Lord, we pray, this oblation which we offer, imploring You mercifully to absolve our offenses: that we, who have gone astray; may be directed by Your power, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Lent

COMMUNIO + PSALM 5.1,2

Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to the voice of my cry, oh, my King and my God:

For to You, O Lord, I will pray.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

We beseech You, O Lord, that this Holy Sacrament which we have received: may effectually cleanse us from our secret offenses; and deliver us from all the assaults of our enemies, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

We beseech You, O Lord, to enlighten our minds with the bright beams of Your light: that we may both see and know the things we ought to do; and, by You, be enabled to perform them, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

REMINISCERE, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

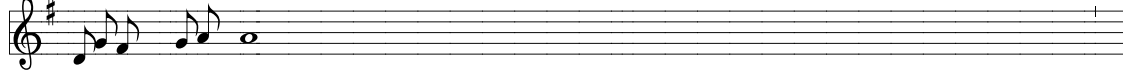
FIRST CLASS

VIOLET

INTROIT + PSALM 25.6,2,22,1,2

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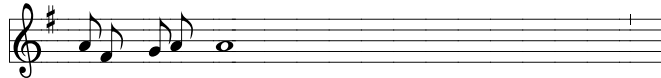
ANTIPHON



Re - mem- ber, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses,



for they are from of old:

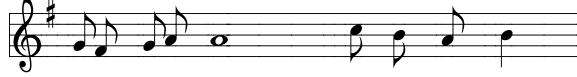


Let not my enemies triumph over me;



redeem Israel, O God, out of all their trou-bles!

PSALM

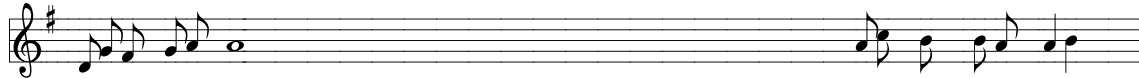


To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul:



O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be a-shamed.

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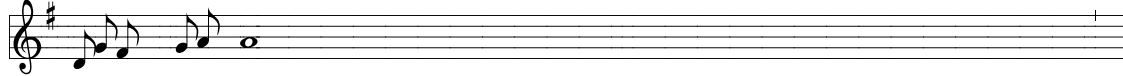


Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev- er. A- men

ANTIPHON



Re - mem- ber, O Lord, ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

The Gloria in Excelsis is not sung.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sees that of ourselves we have no strength:

keep us both outwardly and inwardly;

that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + EXODUS 33.12-23

A reading from the second book of Moses commonly called Exodus.

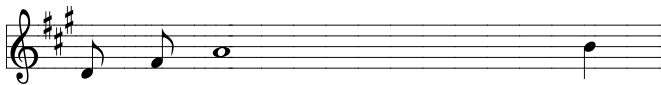
In those days, Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.’ Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.” And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.” And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.” Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.” And the LORD said, “Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”

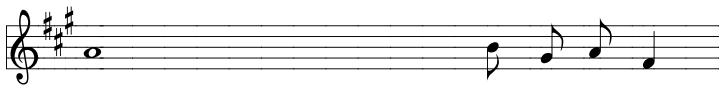
The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 25.17-18

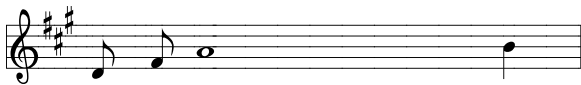
-tone V



The trou-bles of my heart have en-larged:



Oh, bring me out of my dis-tress-es, O Lord.



Look on my affliction and my pain:



And for-give all my sins.

EPISTLE + 1 THESSALONIANS 4.1-7

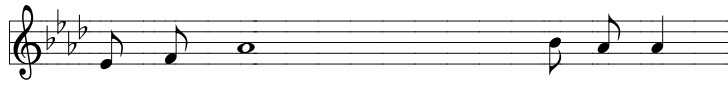
A reading is from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians.

Brethren: We urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness [in Christ Jesus Our Lord].

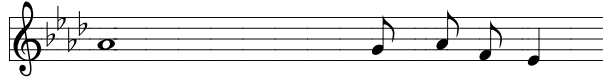
The Word of the Lord.

TRACT + PSALM 106:1-4

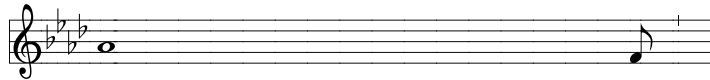
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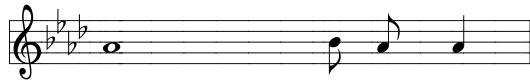
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good:



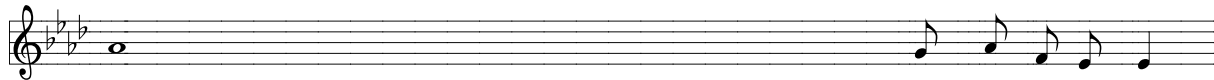
For His mercy en-dures for-ev- er.



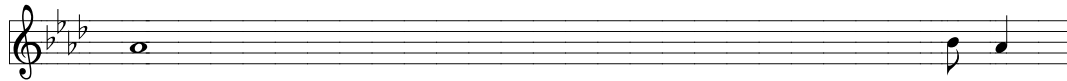
Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord?



Who can declare all His praise?



Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does right-eous-ness at all times!



Remember me, O Lord, with the favor You have toward Your people:



Oh, visit me with Your sal-va-tion.

GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 15.21-28

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

✠ At that time Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word.

And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 119:47-48

TONE II



I will de- light myself in Your com- mand- ments, which I love.



My hands also I will lift up to Your com- mand- ments, which I love.

SECRETA

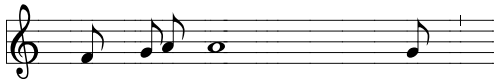
We beseech You, O Lord, mercifully to respect our oblations: that they may increase our devotion; and recall our salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

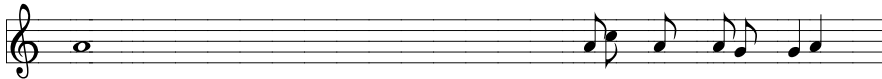
Lent

COMMUNIO + PSALM 5.1-2

TONE I



Con- sid - er my medita- tion;



give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God:



For to You I will pray.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

We humbly beseech You, almighty God:
that as You refresh us with Your holy sacraments;
we may continually serve You in all virtuous and godly living,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

WEDNESDAY AFTER THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

THIRD CLASS

VIOLET

INTROIT + PSALM 38.21-22,1

Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me!
 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Ps. O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath,
 Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 As it was in the beginning, is now; and will be forever. Amen
 Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me!
 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

COLLECT

We beseech You, O Lord, graciously to hear the prayers of Your people:
 that we, who discipline our bodies through fasting;
 may by Your grace be delivered from all things which may hurt the soul,
 through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, now and forever.

EPISTLE + ESTHER 13.9-11,15-17 (APOCRYPHAL)

A reading from the book of Esther.

In those days Mordecai prayed to the Lord saying: "O Lord, Lord, You rule as King over all things, for the universe is in Your power and there is no one who can oppose You when it is Your will to save Israel, for You have made heaven and earth and every wonderful thing under heaven. You are Lord of all, and there is no one who can resist You, the Lord. And now, O Lord God and King, God of Abraham, spare Your people; for the eyes of our foes are upon us to annihilate us, and they desire to destroy the inheritance that has been Yours from the beginning. Do not neglect Your portion, which You redeemed for Yourself out of the land of Egypt. Hear my prayer, and have mercy upon Your inheritance; turn our mourning into feasting that we may live and sing praise to Your name, O Lord; do not destroy the lips of those who praise You."

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 28.9,1

Save Your people:

And bless Your inheritance.

To You I will cry, O Lord my Rock:

Do not be silent to me, lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

TRACT + PSALM 103.10, 79.8-9

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins:

Nor punish us according to our iniquities.

O Lord, do not remember former iniquities against us; let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us:

For we have been brought very low.

Kneel

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name, O Lord:

And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, for Your name's sake!

GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 20.17-28

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

✠ At that time Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine

may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.”

But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” So He said to them, “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.”

And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 25.1-3

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in You:

Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me:

Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed.

SECRETA

We pray, O Lord, look down in mercy on the oblation which we present to You here: that we, drawing near to You in these holy mysteries; may be delivered by them from the chains of the sins which we have committed, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Lent

COMMUNIO + PSALM 11.7

The Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness;

His countenance beholds the upright.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

O Lord, who has fed us here with Your holy sacraments:

grant, we pray;

that we may thereby grow and increase toward the attainment of everlasting salvation,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

O God, the restorer and lover of innocency:

We beseech You to direct to Yourself the hearts of all Your servants;

That being kindled with the fire of Your Spirit, we may be found steadfast in faith, and effectually given to all good works,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

OCULI, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

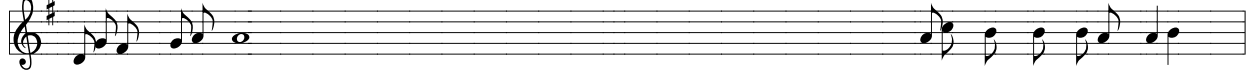
FIRST CLASS

VIOLET

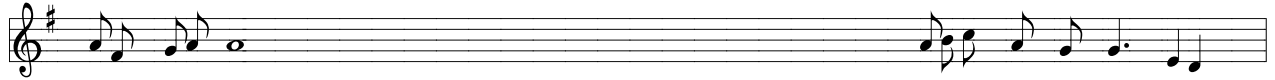
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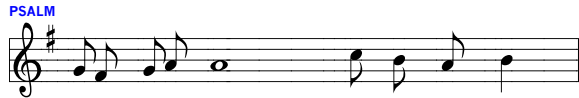
ANTIPHON



My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net:



Turn Your-self to me, and have mercy on me, for I am deso-late and af-flict-ed.

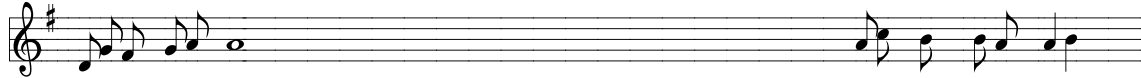


To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul:



O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be a-shamed.

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev- er. A- men

ANTIPHON



My eyes are ever ... *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

The Gloria in Excelsis is not sung.

COLLECT

We beseech You, almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants: and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty; to be our defense against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + JEREMIAH 26.1-15

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the Lord, saying, "Thus says the Lord: 'Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word. Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.' And you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord: "If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, to heed the words of My

servants the prophets whom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending them (but you have not heeded), then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.””

So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You will surely die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant?’” And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

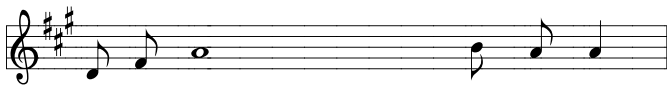
When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the Lord’s house. And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, “This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.”

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; then the Lord will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

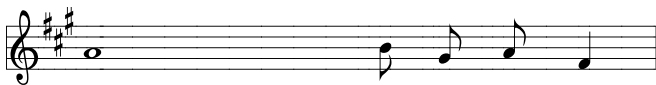
The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 9.19,3

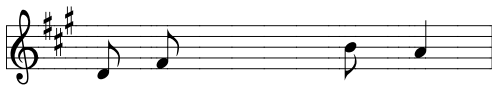
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A- rise, O Lord, do not let man pre-vail:



Let the nations be judged in Your sight.



When my enemies turn back:



They shall fall and per-ish at Your pre-sense.

EPISTLE + EPHESIANS 5.1-9

A reading from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.

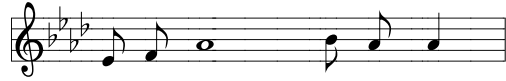
Brethren: Be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light; for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

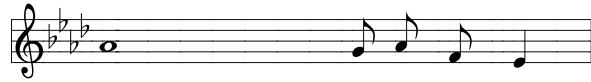
The Word of the Lord.

TRACT + PSALM 123.1-3

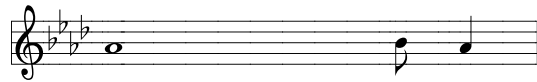
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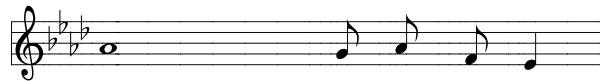
Un-to You I lift up my eyes:



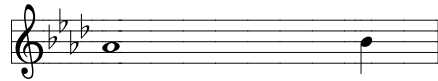
O You who dwell in the hea-vens.



Behold, as the eyes of ser-vants:



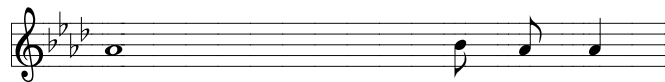
Look to the hand of their mas-ters;



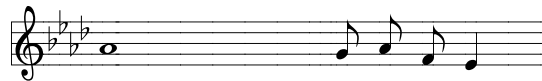
As the eyes of a maid:



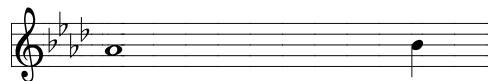
To the hand of her mis-tress;



So our eyes look to the Lord our God:



Until He has mer-cy up-on us.



Have mercy on us, O Lord:



Have mer-cy up-on us!

GOSPEL + ST. LUKE 11.14-28

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

✠ At that time Jesus was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." Others, testing Him, sought from Him a

sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. “If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”

And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

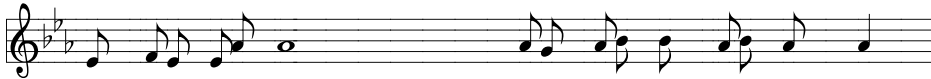
The Gospel of the Lord.

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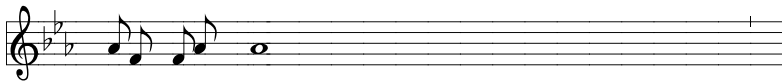
“I Know My Faith is Founded” (*Ich weiss, an wen ich gläube*)

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 19.8,10,11

TONE II



The sta-tutes of the Lord are right, and re-joice the heart:



Sweet - er also than honey and the honeycomb;



moreover by them Your ser- vant is warned.

SECRETA

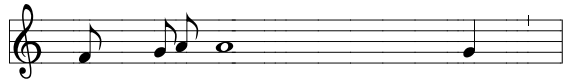
Grant, O Lord, we beseech You: that this oblation may cleanse us from all our sins; and sanctify Your servants both in body and soul for the celebration of this sacrifice, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

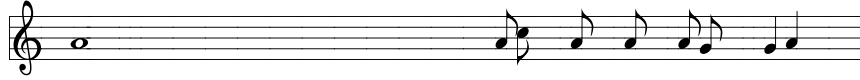
Lent

COMMUNIO + PSALM 84.3-4

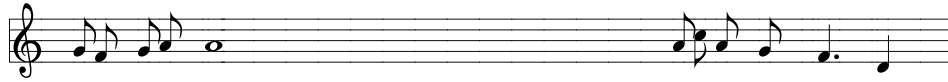
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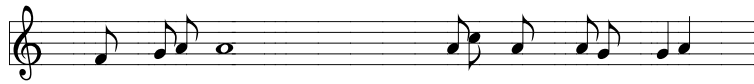
The spar- row has found a home,



and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:



Ev - en Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.



Bless-ed are those who dwell in Your house:



They will still be prais-ing You.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

O Lord, who permit us to be partakers of Your wondrous mysteries:

grant, we beseech You;

that by Your mercy we may be absolved from all our iniquities, and defended against all adversities,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

WEDNESDAY AFTER THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THIRD CLASS

VIOLET

INTROIT + PSALM 31.6,7,1

I trust in the Lord:

I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, for You have considered my trouble.

Ps. In You, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:

Deliver me in Your righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now; and will be forever. Amen

I trust in the Lord:

I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, for You have considered my trouble.

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech You, O Lord:

that we, who are being taught by abstinence in the way of salvation;

may readily take to heart Your merciful pardon and so refrain from all vices that may hurt the soul,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

EPISTLE + EXODUS 20.12-24

A reading from the second book of Moses, commonly called Exodus.

Thus says the Lord God: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin." So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. You shall not make anything to be with Me—gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves. An altar of earth you shall make for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I record My name I will come to you, and I will bless you.'"

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 6.2-3

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak:

O Lord, heal me.

For my bones are troubled:

My soul also is greatly troubled.

TRACT + PSALM 103.10, 79.8-9

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins:

Nor punish us according to our iniquities.

O Lord, do not remember former iniquities against us; let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us:

For we have been brought very low.

Kneel

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name, O Lord:

And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, for Your name's sake!

GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 15.1-20

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

✠ At that time the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, “Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”

He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God’—then he need not honor his father or mother.’ Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.

“Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”

When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.”

Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?”

But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”

Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Explain this parable to us.”

So Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 109.21

Deal with me, O Lord God, for Your name’s sake;
Because Your mercy is good, deliver me.

SECRETA

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the prayers of Your people, and the oblation of their sacrifice: that we, who celebrate Your holy mysteries; may be defended by You against all dangers that beset us, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Lent

COMMUNIO + PSALM 16.11

You will show me the path of life:
In Your presence, O Lord, is fullness of joy.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Sanctify Your servants, O Lord, who have partaken of Your holy table:
that we, being cleansed from all our perversities;
may be made worthy to obtain Your heavenly promises,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God: that we, who seek the grace of Your protection; may be delivered by You from all evils, and serve You with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

LAETARE, THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

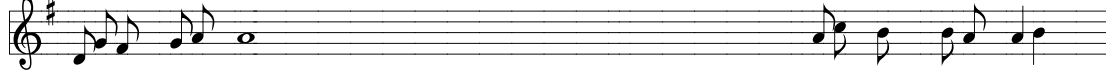
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VIOLET

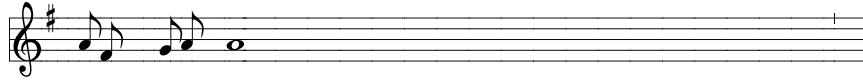
INTROIT + ISAIAH 66.10-11; PSALM 122.1

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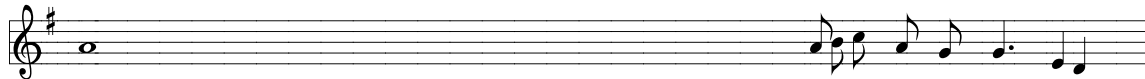
ANTIPHON



Re - jice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you who love her:

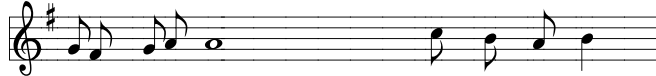


Re - jice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her;

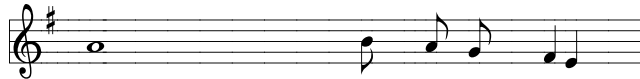


that you may feed and be satisfied with the consola-tion of her bo-som.

PSALM

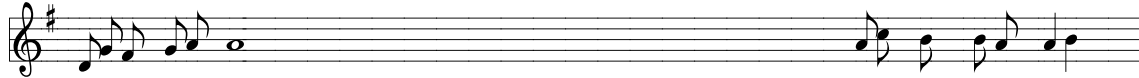


I was glad when they said un- to me:



“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

GLORIA PATRI:



Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now; and will be for - ev- er. A- men

ANTIPHON



Re - jice with Jerusalem... *(to the end of the Antiphon)*

The Gloria in Excelsis is not sung.

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God:
that we who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished;
by the comfort of Your grace may mercifully be relieved,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT + ISAIAH 55.1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord God: “Ho! Everyone who thirsts: Come to the waters; And you who have no money: Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy?

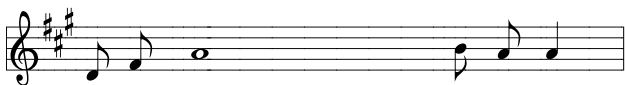
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David. Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you.”

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

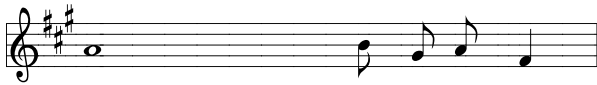
The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 122.1,7

TONE V



I was glad when they said un-to me:



“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”



Peace be with-in your walls:



Pros-perity with-in your pa- la-ces.”

EPISTLE + GALATIANS 4.22-31

A reading from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.

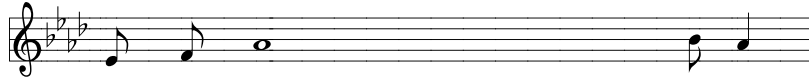
Brethren: It is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: “Rejoice, O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and shout, you who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband.”

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

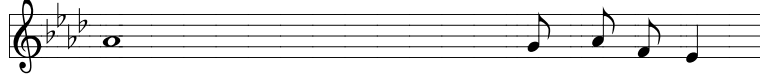
The Word of the Lord.

TRACT + PSALM 125.1-2

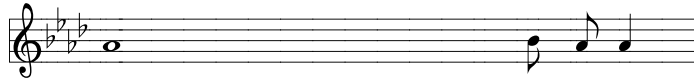
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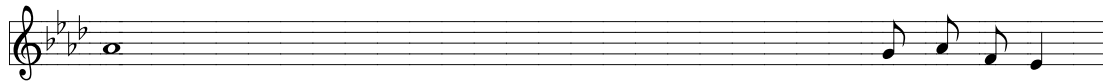
Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zi- on:



Which cannot be moved, but a-bides for-ev- er.



As the mountains surround Je-ru- sa-lem:



So the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and for-ev- er.

GOSPEL + ST. JOHN 6.1-15

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

✠ At that time Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

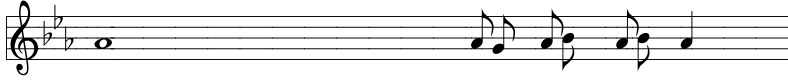
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OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 135.3,6

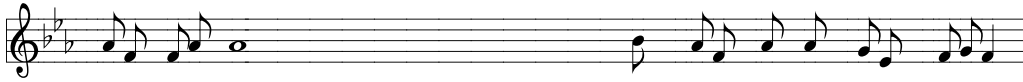
TONE II



O praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;



sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant:



Whatsoever the Lord pleases He does, in heaven and in earth.

SECRETA

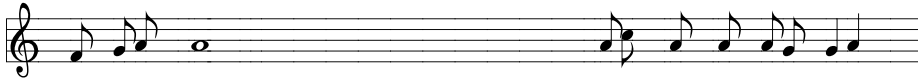
We beseech You, O Lord: mercifully to respect these oblations; that they may increase our devotion, and bring us to everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

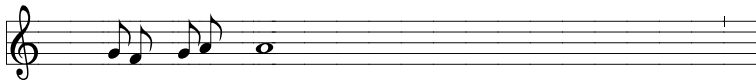
Lent

COMMUNIO + PSALM 122.3-4

TONE I



Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together:



Where the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,



to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

O most merciful God, who never fails to satisfy us with Your holy mysteries: grant, we beseech You; that we may ever approach them in all lowliness and sincerity, and receive them inwardly with all faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

WEDNESDAY AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THIRD CLASS

VIOLET

INTROIT + EZEKIEL 36.23,24,25,26; PSALM 34.1

When I am hallowed in you, I will gather you out of all countries:

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your filthiness; and I will put a new spirit within you.

Ps. I will bless the Lord at all times:

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now; and will be forever. Amen

When I am hallowed in you, I will gather you out of all countries:

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your filthiness; and I will put a new spirit within you.

COLLECT

Let us pray. Let us kneel.

Let us stand.

O God, who grant to the righteous the reward of their godliness, and to sinners who turn to You with fasting the pardon of their offenses:

have mercy on us, Your humble servants;

that we, confessing our sins, may receive from You the remission of all our iniquities,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

LESSON + EZEKIEL 36.23-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: "I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God," says the Lord almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 34.11,5

Come, you children, listen to me:

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

They looked to Him and were radiant:

And their faces were not ashamed.

COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who discipline our flesh by abstinence: may rejoice in holiness of spirit;

that subduing our earthly affections, we may more readily obtain Your heavenly promises,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

LESSON + ISAIAH 1.16-19

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord God:

Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;
 Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes.
 Cease to do evil,
 Learn to do good;
 Seek justice,
 Rebuke the oppressor;
 Defend the fatherless,
 Plead for the widow.

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord,
 “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
 Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PSALM 33.12,6

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord:

The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made:

And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

TRACT + PSALM 103.10, 79.8-9

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins:

Nor punish us according to our iniquities.

O Lord, do not remember former iniquities against us; let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us:

For we have been brought very low.

Kneel

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name, O Lord:

And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, for Your name's sake!

GOSPEL + ST. JOHN 9.1-38

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

✠ At that time as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?” Some said, “This is he.” Others said, “He is like him.” He said, “I am he.” Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.” Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!"

Genuflect

And he worshiped Him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 66.8-9,20

Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard, who keeps our soul among the living, and does not allow our feet to be moved:

Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me!

SECRETA

We humbly beseech You, almighty God: that by this sacrifice we may be cleansed from all our sins; and obtain from You true healing both of body and soul, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Lent

COMMUNIO + ST. JOHN 9.11

The Lord made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash':

So I went and washed, and I received sight.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

O Lord God, who have made us partakers of this Holy Sacrament:
grant, we beseech You;
that we may be inwardly satisfied with heavenly food, and outwardly defended against all adversities,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants:
and that they may obtain their petitions;
make then ask such things as shall please You,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.