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+ASH WEDNESDAY+

ENTRANCE RITES

9:00AM - BLESSING and DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

7:15 PM - LOW MASS IN THE CONTEMPORARY RITE - pg 63

THE READINGS OF THE DAY

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JOEL

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning: Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the Lord, your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion! Proclaim a fast, call and assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over then! Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' " Then the Lord was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

**READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - THANKS BE
TO GOD!**

PSALM RESPONSE - BE MERCIFUL , O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED!

**A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE
CORINTHIANS**

Brothers and sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: *In and acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

**Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
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TO GOD!**

**+A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW+
Jesus said to his disciples: “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that
people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly
Father.**

**When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the
synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they
have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know
what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father
who sees in secret will repay you.**

**“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the
synagogues and on the street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to
you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room,
close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in
secret will repay you.**

**“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their
appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they
have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your
face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden.
And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.”**

**PRIEST - THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD!
PEOPLE - PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**HOMILY
DISTRIBUTION OF BLESSED ASHES**

HOLY MASS CONTINUES WITH THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

THE OUR FATHER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING