

quibus et nostras voces ut admitti jubeas, deprecamur, supplicii confessione dicentes:

COMMUNION Psalms 1: 2, 3

Qui meditabitur in lege Domini die ac nocte, dabit fructum suum in tempore suo.

POSTCOMMUNION

Percipite nobis, Domine, prebeant sacramenta subsidium: ut tibi grata sint nostra jejunia, et nobis proficiant ad medelam. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Humiliate capita vestra Deo.

Inclinantes se, Domine, majestati tuae, propitiatus intende: ut, qui divino munere sunt refecti, caelestibus semper nutriantur auxiliis. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

He that shall meditate day and night on the law of the Lord, shall bring forth his fruit in due season.

May the sacraments which we have received afford us help, O Lord, that our fasts may be pleasing to Thee, and a profitable remedy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Bow down your heads before God.

Look down graciously, O Lord, upon those who bow before Thy majesty; that they who are refreshed by Thy divine gift may ever be sustained by heavenly aid. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

MASS PROPER: ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS *Misereris omnium* (violet)

(There are no Prayers at the Foot, the Mass begins with the Introit.)

INTROIT Wisdom 11: 24, 25, 27

Misereris omnium, Domine, et nihil odisti eorum quae fecisti, dissimulans peccata hominum propter poenitentiam et parcens illis: quia tu es Dominus, Deus noster. (Ps. 56: 2) Miserere mei, Deus, miserere mei: quoniam in te confidit anima mea. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Misereris omnium, Domine, et nihil odisti eorum quae fecisti, dissimulans peccata hominum propter poenitentiam et parcens illis: quia tu es Dominus, Deus noster.

COLLECT

Præsta, Domine, fidelibus tuis: ut jejuniorum veneranda sollennia, et congrua pietate suscipiant, et secura devotione percurrant. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

LESSON Joel 2: 12-19

Hæc dicit Dominus: Convertimini ad me in toto corde vestro, in jejunio, et in fletu, et in planctu. Et scindite corda vestra, et non vestimenta vestra, et convertimini ad Dominum, Deum vestrum: quia benignus et misericors est, pater, et multæ misericordiæ, et præstabilis super malitia. Quis scit, si convertatur, et ignoscat, et relinquat post se benedictionem, sacrificium et

Thou hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and hatest none of the things which Thou hast made, overlooking the sins of men for the sake of repentance, and sparing them because Thou art the Lord our God. (Ps. 56: 2) Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me for my soul trusteth in Thee. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Thou hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and hatest none of the things which Thou hast made, overlooking the sins of men for the sake of repentance, and sparing them because Thou art the Lord our God.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy faithful people that they may begin the venerable solemnities of fasting with becoming piety, and may persevere to the end with steadfast devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Thus saith the Lord: Be converted to Me with all your heart, in fasting and in weeping and in mourning. And rend your hearts and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God; for He is gracious and merciful, patient and rich in mercy, and ready to repent of the evil. Who knoweth but He will return and forgive and leave a blessing behind Him, sacrifice and

libámen Dómino, Deo vestro? Cánite tuba in Sion, sanctificáte jejúnium, vocáte cœtum, congregáte pópulum, sanctificáte ecclésiám, coadunáte senes, congregáte parvulos et sugéntes úbera: egrediátur sponsus de cubíli suo, et sponsa de thálamó suo. Inter vestibulum et altare plorábunt sacerdótes ministri Dómini, et dicent: Parce, Dómine, parce pópulo tuo: et ne des hereditátem tuam in oppróbrium, ut dominéntur eis nátiónes. Quare dicunt in pópulis: Ubi est Deus eórum? Zelátus est Dóminus terram suam, et pepércit pópulo suo. Et respóndit Dóminus, et dixit pópulo suo: Ecce, ego mittam vobis fruméntum et vinum et óleum, et replebímmini eis: et non dabo vos ultra oppróbrium in géntibus: dicit Dóminus omnípotens.

GRADUAL Psalms 56: 2, 4

Miserére mei, Deus, miserére mei: quóniam in te confidit ánima mea. Misit de cælo, et liberávit me, dedit in oppróbrium conculcántes me.

TRACT Psalms 102: 10

Dómine, non secúndum peccáta nostra, quæ fécimur nos: neque secúndum iniquitátes nostras retríbuias nobis. (Ps. 78: 8-9) Dómine, ne memínaris iniquitátum nostrárum antiqúarum: cito anticipent nos misericórdiæ tuæ, quia páuperes facti sumus nimis. (*Genuflect.*) Ádjuva nos, Deus, salutáris noster: et propter glóriam nóminis tui, Dómine, libera nos: et propítius esto peccátis nostris, propter nomen tuum.

GOSPEL Matthew 6: 16-21

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Cum jejunátis, nolíte fieri, sicut

libation to the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Sion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather together the people, sanctify the Church, assemble the ancients, gather together the little ones and them that suck at the breasts let the bridegroom go forth from his bed and the bride out of her bride chamber. Between the porch and the altar the priests, the Lord's ministers, shall weep and shall say: Spare, O Lord, spare Thy people and give not Thy inheritance to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them. Why should they say among the nations Where is their God? The Lord hath been zealous for His land, and hath spared His people. And the Lord answered and said to His people: Behold I will send you corn and wine and oil, and you shall be filled with them and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations; saith the Lord almighty.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me for my soul trusteth in Thee. He hath sent from heaven and delivered me. He hath made them a reproach that trod upon me.

O Lord, repay us not according to the sins we have committed, nor according to our iniquities. (Ps. 78: 8-9) O Lord, remember not our former iniquities, let Thy mercies speedily prevent us; for we are become exceeding poor. (*Here kneel.*) Help us, O God, our Savior, and for the glory of Thy name, O Lord, deliver us: and forgive us our sins for Thy name's sake.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: When you fast, be not as the

hypócritæ, tristes. Extérminant enim fácies suas, ut appáreant homínibus jejunántes. Amen, dico vobis, quia recepérunt mercédem suam. Tu autem, cum jejúnas, unge caput tuum, et faciém tuam lava, ne videáris homínibus jejúnans, sed Patri tuo, qui est in abscondito: et Pater tuus, qui videt in abscondito, reddet tibi. Nolíte thesaurizáre vobis thesáuros in terra: ubi ærúgo et tínea demólitur: et ubi fures effódiunt et furántur. Thesaurizáte autem vobis thesáuros in cælo: ubi neque ærúgo neque tínea demólitur; et ubi fures non effódiunt nec furántur. Ubi enim est thesáurus tuus, ibi est et cor tuum.

OFFERTORY Psalms 29: 2-3

Exaltábo te, Dómine, quóniam suscepísti me, nec delectásti inimícos meos super me: Dómine, clamávi ad te, et sanásti me.

SECRET

Fac nos, quæsumus, Dómine, his munéribus offeréndis conveniénter aptári: quibus ipsíus venerábilis sacraménti celebrámus exórdium. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF LENT

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Qui corporáli jejúnio vítia cómprimis, mentem élevas, virtútem largíris et præmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórúmque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum

hypocrites, sad. For they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head and wash thy face, that thou appear not to men to fast, but to thy Father who is in secret: and thy Father who seeth in secret will repay thee. Lay not up to yourselves treasures on earth: where the rust and moth consume, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up to yourselves treasures in heaven where neither the rust nor moth doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where thy treasure is, there is thy heart also.

I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me, and hast not made my enemies to rejoice over me: O Lord, I have cried to Thee, and Thou hast healed me.

Do Thou, we beseech Thee, O Lord duly prepare us for the offering to these gifts, by which we celebrate the institution of this venerable sacrament. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly fitting and just, proper and beneficial, that we should always and everywhere, give thanks unto Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Who by this bodily fast, dost curb our vices, dost lift up our minds and bestow on us strength and rewards; through Christ our Lord. Through Whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed