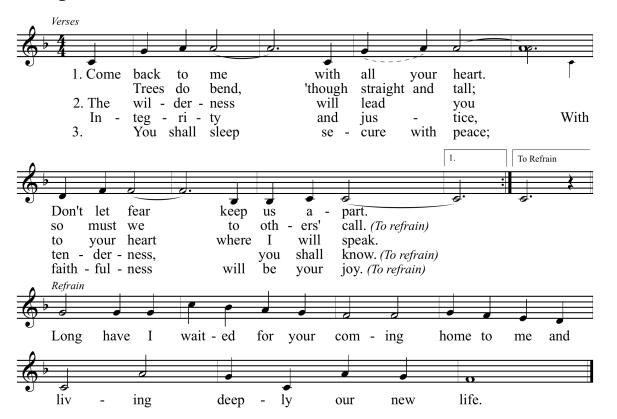
Ash Wednesday

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Prelude Create in Me Talbot

Entrance Song Hosea Norbet



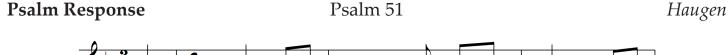
First Reading Joel 2:12-18

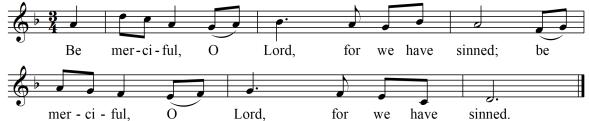
Even now, says the LORD,
return to me with your whole heart,
with fasting, and weeping, and mourning;
Rend your hearts, not your garments,
and return to the LORD, your God.
For gracious and merciful is he,
slow to anger, rich in kindness,
and relenting in punishment.
Perhaps he will again relent
and leave behind him a blessing,
Offerings and libations
for the LORD, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an 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 say, "Spare, O LORD, your people,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
with the nations ruling over them!
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.





Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness, in your compassion, blot out my offense. O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow, and cleanse me from all of my sin. *Ref.*

My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in your sight I have done. *Ref.*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul. Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your spirit from me. *Ref.*

Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me up. And I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered, and bring them all home to your side. *Ref.*

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

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.

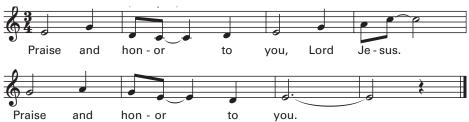
Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says:

In an 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Walker



In secret let good deeds be done, and your Father in heaven, your Father in heaven will honor you.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18

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 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."

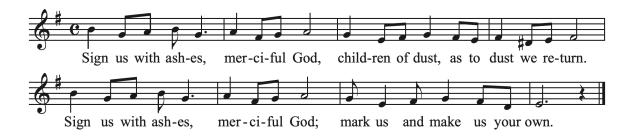
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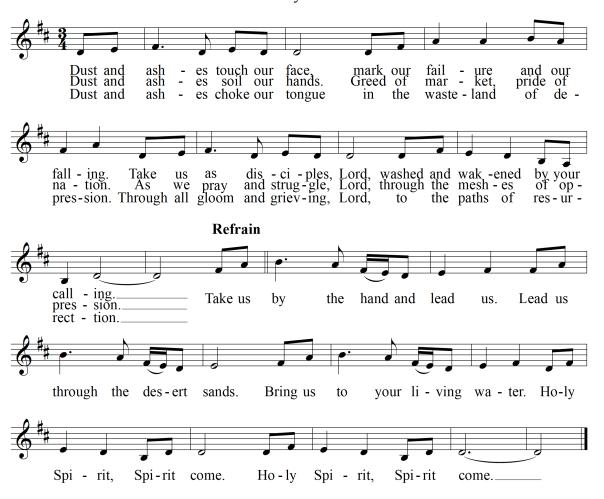
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Distribution of Ashes

Merciful God

Bringle/Alonso







Oh, late have I loved you, oh, late have I turned; turned from seeking you in creatures, fleeing grief and pain within. Ref.

This created world is glorious, yet I could not see within, see your loveliness behind all, find the Giver in the gift. *Ref.*

things you fashioned as a pathway; yet I lost myself in them. Ref.

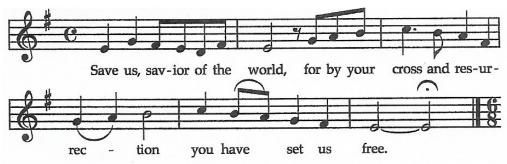
My unloveliness I ran from, turned to seek you in all things, I had wandered far, perceiving that I walked my road alone. Yet you called, you shone, you summoned, and you drew my spirit home. Ref.







Mystery of Faith

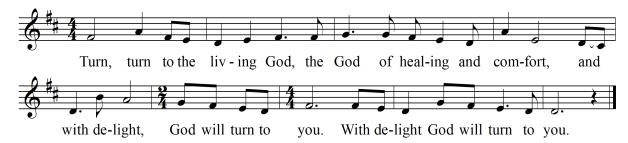


Great Amen



Lamb of God





For now is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand. Reform your life, turn from sin and believe this glorious news. *Ref.*

Come and return to the Lord. All you weary, bring your grieving hearts. With kindness and mercy God's compassion will fill your hearts with love. *Ref.*

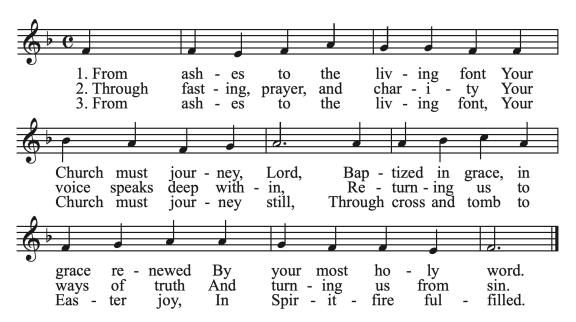
Have mercy, O Lord, on your people. In your goodness wipe away our guilt. Wash us clean, free us to become your living song of praise. *Ref.*

Come, sing with joy to the Lord. Listen with an open heart. Hear God's voice and follow; our good shepherd is guiding the way. *Ref.*

Recessional

From Ashes To the Living Font

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Every Friday During Lent: 11:00 am Stations of the Cross in the Church!

Sunday, February 18th, Rosary-Making & Craft Workshop w/Asylum Seekers - 12:30pm

Wednesdays during Lent, beginning February 21st - Lenten Prayer Group for Parents

Thursdays, beginning February 29th - Adult Faith Formation Series on the Passion

February 23rd, March 8th, March 22nd - Young Adult Prayer & Potluck

Sunday, March 3rd - Lenten Family Workshop - 10am

Wednesday, March 6th - Women's Ministry Stations of the Cross - 6pm

Friday, March 15: 6pm Stations of the Cross followed by our 2nd Annual Fish Fry

Tuesday, March 19: 7pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 24: 9, 11 and 5:30pm Palm/Passion Masses
Thursday, March 28: 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, March 29: 2:15pm Stations of the Cross / 7pm Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, March 30: 8pm Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 31: 9am, 11am Easter Sunday Masses



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If you have any questions or want more information to attend any of these events, please call 206.324.2522 or email admin@stjosephparish.org





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A fundraiser for the Asylum Accompaniment Fund. Join us for fun and fellowship as we support our migrant sisters and brothers!

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6:30PM

ST. JOE'S SOCIAL HALL

732 18th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112

(After 6pm Stations of the Cross)

\$10 suggested donation at the door to cover food

Volunteers Need! Contact Mary: maryw@stjosephparish.org