

St. Denis Catholic Community

Ash Wednesday (Year B)

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Gathering:

INTO THE DESERT

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Verses



1. Come, be - lov - ed, and rest your mind; leave the things of this
2. Stay, be - lov - ed, and lose your fear; there is heal - ing and
3. From this des - ert your life will bloom; out of de - spir is



1. world be - hind. Here I will be your dai - ly bread,
2. mer - cy here. Here I will be a liv - ing stream,
3. hope re - newed. And from this death you shall a - rise,

Refrain



1. all that you need. In - to the des - ert I will lead;
2. all that you need.
3. a - rise with me.



here in the si - lence my word will speak. And you will find



the peace you seek here in the des - ert.

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks Be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. (see 3a) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;

in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt

and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense,

and my sin is before me always:

"Against you only have I sinned,

and done what is evil in your sight."

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Reading II

2 Cor 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks Be To God.

Gospel

Mt 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.”

Communion:

SALMO 50: OH DIOS, CREA EN MÍ / PSALM 51: CREATE IN ME

Eleazar Cortés

Oh Dios, cre-a en mí, oh Dios, cre-a en mí, —
Cre-ate in — me, cre-ate in — me a
cre-a un co-ra-zón, un co-ra-zón pu-ro.
pure — heart, O God, a will-ing spir-it.

Distribution of Ashes:

TAKE THESE ASHES/TO THE DESERT FOLLOW ME

Sarah Hart

Refrain

Ash Wed: Take these ash-es as a sign that from the dust you
Lent: To the de-sert fol-low me, for I am God, who
have been raised and to dust you shall re-turn.
is your hope. To the de-sert fol-low me.