

SACRED HEART, TAMPA
Ash Wednesday

Introductory Rites

Opening Song:

**Attend and keep this happy fast
I preach to you this day.
Is this the fast that pleases me
that takes your joy away?
Do I delight in sorrow's dress,
says God, who reigns above,
the hanging head, the dismal look,
will they attract my love?**

**But is this not the fast I choose,
that shares the heavy load;
that seeks to bring the poor man in
who's weary of the road;
that gives the hungry bread to eat,
to strangers gives a home;
that does not let you hide your face
from your own flesh and bone?**

**Then like the dawn your light will break,
to life you will be raised.
And all will praise the Lord for you;
be happy in your days.
The glory of the Lord will shine,
and in your steps his grace.
And when you call he'll answer you;
he will not hide his face.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Psalm 51:

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have sinned.**

Second Reading:

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Gospel Greeting: Lent Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory**

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Gospel & Homily

Offertory Collection: O God you search me (Farrell)

**O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.**

**You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.**

**Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.**

**Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.**

**For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.**

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Antiphon

**LET US CHANGE OUR GARMENTS
TO SACKCLOTH AND ASHES,
LET US FAST AND WEEP BEFORE THE LORD,
THAT OUR GOD, RICH IN MERCY,
OUR GOD, RICH IN MERCY,
OUR GOD, RICH IN MERCY,
WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS.**

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
**Wash me completely from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.**

My transgressions, truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
**Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
What is evil in your sight I have done.**

So you are just in your sentence,
without reproach in your judgment.
**Behold, in guilt I was born,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

Behold, you delight in sincerity of heart;
in secret you teach me wisdom.
**Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed may exult.
**Turn away your face from my sins,
and blot out all my guilt.**

Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
**Do not cast me away from your presence;
take not your holy spirit from me.**

Restore me in the joy of your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.

**I will teach transgressors your ways,
that sinners may return to you**

Rescue me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and then my tongue shall ring out your justice.

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

For in sacrifice you take no delight;
burnt offering from me would not please you;

**My sacrifice to God, a broken spirit:
a broken and humbled heart,
you will not spurn, O God.**

In your good pleasure, show favor to Zion;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

**Then you will delight in right sacrifice,
burnt offerings wholly consumed.**

Then you will be offered young bulls on your altar.

Antiphon (repeat as above)

**LET US CHANGE OUR GARMENTS
TO SACKCLOTH AND ASHES ...**

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Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar:

Eucharistic Acclamations: Missal Tones (plainsong)

Holy, Holy – We proclaim – Amen (G-211, 212, 215)

Communion Rite

Our Father

Lamb of God: Missal Tones (plainsong) (G-217)

Communion Song: Shepherd me, O God (Haugen)

**Shepherd me, O God beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.**

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want ;
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love ;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul ;
you lead me by pathways
 of righteousness and truth ;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side ;
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life ;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Concluding Rite

Closing Song: Give us, Lord, a new heart

**Give us, Lord, a new heart,
recreate your spirit within us.**

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