THE BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

1 Ant. *
1. g

ET us change our gar-ments * to sackcloth and ashes, let us fast and weep be-fore the Lord, for our God is rich in mer-cy for the forgiveness of our sins.

Psalm 6 Use verses as needed.

1 Ant. *
1. g

Lord, re-buke me not in your an-ger ; * nor chas-ten me in your wrath. Ant.

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SEASON OF LENT
ASH WEDNESDAY

ENTRANCE

Psalm 56 Use verses as needed.

V. 1 D * OU have mer-cy on all, O Lord,* and hate nothing
that you have made. You dis- re-gard peo-ple’s sins to lead
them to re- pentance and you spare them, for you are the
Lord our God.

V. 3 I will cry to God the Most High ; * to God who
has done good to me.

V. 4 H E has sent from heav-en and de- liv-ered me : *
God has sent his mer-cy and his truth.

V. 5 B E ex- alt- ed, O God, a- bove the heav-ens, * and
your glo- ry a- bove all the earth.

V. 6 M Y heart is read- y, O God, my heart is read- y : *
I will sing a psalm and chant praise.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM  [Canadian Lectionary]  
Psalm 50
Ash Wednesday
Miserere, Domine, quia peccavimus.

Have mercy on me, O God, /
according to your steady love;
according to your abundant mercy /
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. (R)

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, I have sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight. (R)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me. (R)

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. (R)

Raise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

VERSE
Ps 94:8
Ash Wednesday
Hodie, si vocem eius audieritis.

8. c. If to-day you hear God’s voice, hard-en not your hearts.

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OFFERTORY

Psalm 29

Use verses as needed.

1. Y

OU have brought forth, O Lord, my soul from hell : *

you have saved me from them that go down into the pit.

2. S

ING to the Lord, O you his saints : * and give praise

to the mem-o-ry of his ho-li-ness.

3. F

OR his an-ger lasts but a mo-ment ; * a life time,

his good will.

4. A

T nightfall weeping en-ters in, * but with the dawn

re-joic-ing.

5. T

HE Lord has heard, and has had mer-cy, * the Lord

became my help-er.

6. Y

OU have turned my mourning in- to joy : * you took

off my sackcloth and clothed me with glad-ness.

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HE one who ponders * the Law of the Lord by
day and by night will yield his fruit in due season.

Psalm 1 Use verses as needed.

B Lessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the
wick-ed, nor stands in the way of sinners, * nor sits in the seat
of the in-so-lent.

B UT his de-light is in the law of the Lord, * and
on his law he med-i-tates day and night.

H HE is like a tree plant-ed by streams of wa-ter,
that yields its fruit in due season, and its leaf does not with-er. *

In all that he does he pros-pers.

H HE wick-ed are not so, but are like chaff which the
wind drives a-way. * Therefore the wick-ed shall not stand in
judgment, nor sin-ners in the congre-ga-tion of the just.

H HE Lord knows the way of the just, * but the way of
the wick-ed will lead to doom.

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