ASH WEDNESDAY

SEASON OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon.  Misereris omnium, Domine.
Cf. Wisdom 11 : 24. 25. 27

1. O Lord, you are merciful to all, and despise nothing

that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring

them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord

our God.

Verses  Miserere mei, Deus. Ps 56 : 2

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in

you my soul has taken refuge.

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.
THE BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

1 Ant. 1. g

L ET us change our garments * to sackcloth and

ashes, let us fast and weep before the Lord, that our God

rich in mercy might forgive us our sins.

1 Ant. 1. f

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rich in mercy might forgive us our sins.

Refr. 1 f.

L ET us fast and weep before the Lord, for our God

is rich in mercy.

2 Ant. 4. d

L ET the priests, * the ministers of the Lord, stand

between the porch and the altar and weep and cry out:

Spare, O Lord, spare your people; do not close the

mouths of those who sing your praise, O Lord.

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mouths of those who sing your praise.

2 Ant. 4 d.
B
Lot out my iniquity, O Lord.

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Resp. 2 D.
L
ET us correct our faults † which we have com-
mitted in ignorance, let us not be taken unawares
by the day of our death, looking in vain for leisure to
repent. * Hear us, O Lord, and show us your mercy,
for we have sinned against you. ¶ Help us, O God our
Savior; for the sake of your name, O Lord, set us free.

* Hear us, O Lord.

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Help us, O Lord our God, and show us mercy, for we are sinners before you.

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON.**

*Exaltabo te, Domine.*

*Psalm 29: 2-3*

2. A will exalt you, O Lord, * for you have upheld me, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, I have cried to you, and you have healed me.

**VERSES**

*Domine, eduxisti. Ps 29: 4*

You have brought forth, O Lord, my soul from hell; * you have saved me from those who go down into the pit.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON.**

*Qui meditabitur in lege Domini.*

*Psalm 1: 2-3*

3. g E who ponders * the Law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.

**VERSES**

*Beatus vir, qui non abiit. Ps 1: 1*

Blessed the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, * nor sat in the chair of pestilence.

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The Lord has heard, and has had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper. * You have turned for me my mourning into joy.

**Audvit Dominus. Ps 29: 11-12**

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But his will is in the law of the Lord, * and on his law he shall meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree which is planted near the running waters which shall bring forth its fruit in due season,* and whose leaves shall never fade.