



Nativity Catholic Church

Celebration of the Eucharist

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Processional Hymn

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing



1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: CM; verses 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; verse 5, anon., fr. A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790.
Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829.

Collect

⦿ Liturgy of the Word ⦿

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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



R. Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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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



R. Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

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If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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."

Homily

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

Songs during Distribution of Ashes

Hosea

Norbet

Verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart.
‡ Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice;
3. ‡ You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



- Don't let fear keep us a - part.
so must we to oth - ers' call. (To refrain)
to your heart where I will speak.
With ten - der - ness, ‡ you shall know. (To refrain)
faith - ful - ness will be your joy. (To refrain)

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

D.C.

Text: Based on Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16,21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Norbet, b.1940
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Ashes

Conry



1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the good we've failed to
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we ___ of - fer you at -
3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let ___ heal - ing come to
4. ‡ Thanks be to the Fa - ther, who ___ made us like him -



1. do. We rise a - gain from ash - es, to cre - ate our - selves a -
2. tempts, the gifts not ful - ly giv - en, the ___ dreams not ful - ly
3. pain, though spring has turned to win - ter, and ___ sun - shine turned to
4. self. ‡ Thanks be to his Son, ___ who ___ saved us by his



1. new. If ___ all our world is ash - es, then ___ must our lives be
2. dreamt. Give our stum - bl - ings di - rec - tion, give our vi - sions wid - er
3. rain. The ___ rain we'll use for grow - ing, and cre - ate the world a -
4. death. ‡ Thanks be to the Spir - it who cre - ates the world a -



1. true, an ___ of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
2. view, an ___ of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
3. new from an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
4. new from an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.

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Universal Prayer

‡ Liturgy of the Eucharist ‡

Preparation of the Gifts

All Is Well with My Soul, #1064

Landry

Verses



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
2. My soul is at rest in the Lord God a -
3. My God is my safe - ty, my glo - ry, my
4. O God, I will bless you as long as I



1. way; When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; What -
2. lone; From God comes sal - va - tion and hope. With
3. strength; My ref - uge when life takes its toll. I
4. live; For your grace a - lone makes me whole. With



1. ev - er my lot, you have taught me to
 2. God as my rock, I shall not be dis -
 3. trust in my God, as I pour out my
 4. glad - ness and joy I will sing of your



1. say, "It is well, it is well with my soul!"
 2. turbed: All is well, all is well with my soul.
 3. heart: All is well, all is well with my soul.
 4. name: All is well, all is well with my soul!



1. It is well with my soul;
 2-4. All is well with my soul;



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 2-4. All is well, all is well with my soul.

Text: 11 8 11 9 with refrain. Verse 1 text, traditional; fr. It Is Well with My Soul;
 Horatio Gates Spafford, 1827-1888. Verses 2-4 text based on Psalm 62:2-3, 6-9; 63:5,
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Prayer over the Offerings
 The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy Mass of the Resurrection DeBruyn
We Proclaim Your Death Mass of the Resurrection DeBruyn
Amen Mass of the Resurrection DeBruyn

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer
The Sign of Peace
The Breaking of the Bread
Agnus Dei Chant Mass Mode III

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Music during the Communion Procession
Spirit and Grace

Manalo



Verses
 1. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;
 2. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;
 3. Spir - it and grace, here in this place;
 4. Spir - it of God, send - ing us forth;



1. you are the wind that breathes through the field.
 2. you are the life that flows through the vine.
 3. you are the light that shines in this space.
 4. we spread your wis - dom through - out all the earth.



1. Gath - er the wheat — and form us in Christ.
 2. Gath - er this drink — and form us in Christ.
 3. Gath - er your peo - ple and form us in Christ.
 4. Gath - er the na - tions and form us in Christ.



1. Come, be our source and breath of life.
 2. Come, be our source and blood of life.
 3. Come, be the heart - beat of our lives.
 4. Come, be the pres - ence in our lives.



In the bread, blessed, bro - ken and shared, Christ is our



life, whose presence we bear. Come, O Spir - it, make your



grace re - vealed in this ho - ly meal.

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Prayer After Communion

‡ Concluding Rites ‡

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn
Save Your People

Farrell

Refrain

Save your peo-ple, O Lord. Show us the way to come home. We have been wan-der-ing far from your love. Save your peo-ple, O Lord.

Verses

1. One thing I ask, O
2. For you will hide me in the
3. Lis-ten, O Lord, to the
4. Thus will I bless you all the

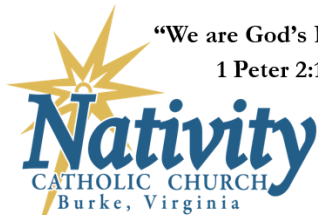
1. Lord, this I seek: to dwell for - ev - er in your
2. shel-ter of your wings and from the ar - rows of my
3. sound of my call, for I ac - knowl-edge my of -
4. days of my life. Lift - ing my hands, I call your

1. house, that I may gaze on your love - li - ness
2. foes. You set me high on a moun-tain-top,
3. fense. Wash me and I shall be pur - i - fied.
4. name: "O Lord, re - mem-ber your in - her - i - tance.

to Refrain

1. all the days of my life.
2. saved me from my dis - tress.
3. I shall be whit - er than snow.
4. Save your peo - ple, O Lord!"

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"We are God's People"

1 Peter 2:10

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A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Compassionate and Holy God,
stir the dust of our lives and help us remember who we are.
Scatter this dust upon the field of our fear
and give us the courage to yield to redemption.
Ignite the ashes of our burned-out dreams and kindle life.
As we carefully place these ashes in the urn of our heart,
we yearn for sparks of new life.

Loving God,
as we paint our faces with these ashes,
You call us to turn away from sin but not from death.
You tempt us to look the face of death in the eye
as we embrace and remember life.

Merciful God,
as we carry the ash tattoo of the cross upon our foreheads,
kindle within us memories of your mercy.
Give us the courage to turn away from sin and return to You,
and so find our way to one another.
It is in this turning that we find our truth. Amen.



*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.*