



THE PARISH OF ST PETER
& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

Ash Wednesday
19:00 Mass on 17th February 2021

Gathering

*Your mercy extends to all things, O Lord, and you despise none of the things you have made.
You overlook the sins of men for the sake of repentance.
You grant them your pardon, because you are the Lord our God.*

Have mercy on me, God, have mercy, for in you my soul has taken refuge.
In the shadow of your wings I take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.

Introit Proper *Misereris omnium*;
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Responsorial Psalm

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences 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.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.

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Gospel Acclamation

Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

A pure heart create for me, O God; and give me again the joy of your help.

Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

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Preparation of Gifts

*Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;
Come, seek the tender faithfulness of God.*

Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;
Come and learn now the way of our God.

I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,
A heart of compassion and love.

If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the pris'ner free;
If you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost;
Give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst,
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

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Holy Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

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Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

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Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least 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.

Holy Communion

Word of God, renew your people...

*Make us now your living sign;
Recreate us for your purpose
In this place and in this time.*

Show us mercy in your kindness...

Make us pure and make us holy...

Put your steadfast spirit in us...

Rescue us from all temptation...

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Sending Forth

Again we keep this solemn fast, a gift of faith from ages past,
This Lent which binds us lovingly to faith and hope and charity.

The law and prophets from of old in figured ways this Lent foretold,
Which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide, in these last days has sanctified.

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More sparing, therefore, let us make the words we speak, the food we take,
Our sleep, our laughter, every sense; learn peace through holy penitence.

Let us avoid each harmful way that lures the careless mind astray;
By watchful prayer our spirits free from scheming of the Enemy.

We pray, O blessed Three in One, our God while endless ages run,
That this, our Lent of forty days, may bring us growth and give you praise.

Ascribed to St Gregory the Great, c.540-604; tr. Peter J. Scagnelli
Melody: *Tallis's Canon*; Thomas Tallis (1505-1585).

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