

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

*Ash Wednesday*

8:00am	Father Alex Pablo, <i>Parochial Vicar, St. James Cathedral</i>
12:10pm	The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, <i>Archbishop of Seattle</i>
6:00pm	The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan, <i>Pastor of St. James Cathedral</i>

**WELCOME! A few important notes on today's liturgy:**

- + **Wearing a mask is mandatory whenever you are in the Cathedral. Your mask must cover both your nose and your mouth at all times.**
- + **The clergy and readers are permitted to remove their masks, but only when they are speaking. They will wear masks at all other times.**
- + **This year, ashes will be distributed by sprinkling on top of your head, rather than marking your forehead.**
- + **Always observe social distance of at least six feet between family groups, including during the communion procession and as you leave.**
- + **Do not move around the Cathedral before or during Mass. Please follow the directions of the ushers as you leave the Cathedral.**
- + **Congregational singing is not permitted at this time.**
- + **Thank you! We can all help each other stay safe and comfortable by following these common sense guidelines.**

*The Introductory Rites*

INTROIT *sung by the Cantor*

Psalm 57  
chant, adapt. Paul Ford (b. 1947)

*Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us.*  
In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge until the destroying storms pass by.  
I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.  
He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame those who trample on me.  
God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

GREETING

COLLECT

*The Liturgy of the Word*

FIRST READING

Joel 2:12-18

PSALM RESPONSE *sung by the Cantor*

Psalm 51  
Patricia Craig (b. 1952)

*Be merciful, O LORD, for we have sinned.*  
Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offense.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.  
My offenses 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 fervor sustain me.  
O LORD, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2

TRACT *sung by the Cantor*

*Lord, how wondrous is your wisdom.*

Thomas B. Stratman (1939-2008)

No one lives by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

HOMILY

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES *sung by the Cantor*

Psalm 51

chant, adapt. Thomas B. Stratman

*Come back to the Lord with all your heart; God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in faithful love.*  
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, blot out my offenses.

Wash me more and more from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.

Against you alone have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sign.

And so you are justified when you speak, and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, in guilt I was born, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for faithfulness deep within me; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me, then I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than new snow.

**Please be seated when you return to your place after receiving ashes.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

All respond: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory *sung by the Cantor*

Psalm 29: *I will extol you, O Lord*

chant, Mode II

*I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and have not let my foes rejoice over me.*

*O LORD, I cried unto you and you healed me.*

O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from the grave, restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones; give thanks to God's holy name.

God's anger lasts a moment; his favor all through life. At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

SANCTUS *sung by the Cantor*

*Missa Deus genitor alme*

chant, Vatican XVIII

MYSTERY OF FAITH *sung by the Cantor*

Roman Missal

AMEN SPOKEN BY ALL

# The Communion Rite

## LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI *sung by the Cantor*

chant, Vatican XVII

**Please kneel following the Lamb of God and remain kneeling until it is time for your row to go forward for Holy Communion.**

### *Distribution of Holy Communion*

- + **Communion is given only in the hand at this time.**
- + **Maintain six feet of separation between household groups as you come forward.**
- + **Wear your mask. Hold your hands out as flat as possible so that the minister can easily put the host on your open palm without touching your hand.**
- + **After receiving Holy Communion, lower your mask with one hand, put the host in your mouth, and then put your mask back on.**

## COMMUNION

*Qui meditabitur*  
chant, Mode III

Those who ponder the law of the Lord day and night  
will yield fruit in due season.

*Hear us, almighty Lord / Attende, Domine*  
chant

*Hear us, almighty Lord, show us your mercy. Sinners we stand here before you.*

Jesus our Savior, Lord of all the nations, Christ our Redeemer, hear the prayers we offer,

Spare us and save us, comfort us in sorrow.

Word of the Father, keystone of God's building, Source of our gladness, gateway to the Kingdom,

Free us in mercy from the sins that bind us.

God of compassion, Lord of might and splendor,

Graciously listen, hear our cries of anguish.

Touch us and heal us where our sins have wounded.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND BLESSING

ANTIPHON IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (6:00pm) *sung by the Cantor* *Ave Regina caelorum*  
chant