

### Gradual

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
**for in You my soul takes refuge.**  
He will send from heaven and save me;  
**He will put to shame him who tramples on me.**  
(Ps. 57:1a, 3a)

Epistle of the Day **2 Peter 1:2-11**  
*[Confirm Your Calling and Election]*  
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Tract**  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**  
Do not remember against us our former iniquities;  
**let Your compassion come speedily to meet us.**  
Help us, O God of our salvation,  
**for the glory of Your name.**  
(Ps. 103:10; 79:8a, 9a)

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**  
Holy Gospel **St. Matthew 6:16-21**  
*[Lay Up Treasures in Heaven]*  
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[We are seated]  
Hymn of the Day  
**“These are the Holy Ten Commandments” #581**  
(sts. 1, 11-12)

Sermon

[We rise] **Offertory** **#422**

[We are seated]  
**The offering is received**  
*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

**[Chanted] The Service of the Sacrament** **p. 194**

[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ]

Hymn **“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” #611**  
[We rise] **Doxology** **#805**

**Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, p. 199**  
**Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction**

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]  
**“Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing” #421**

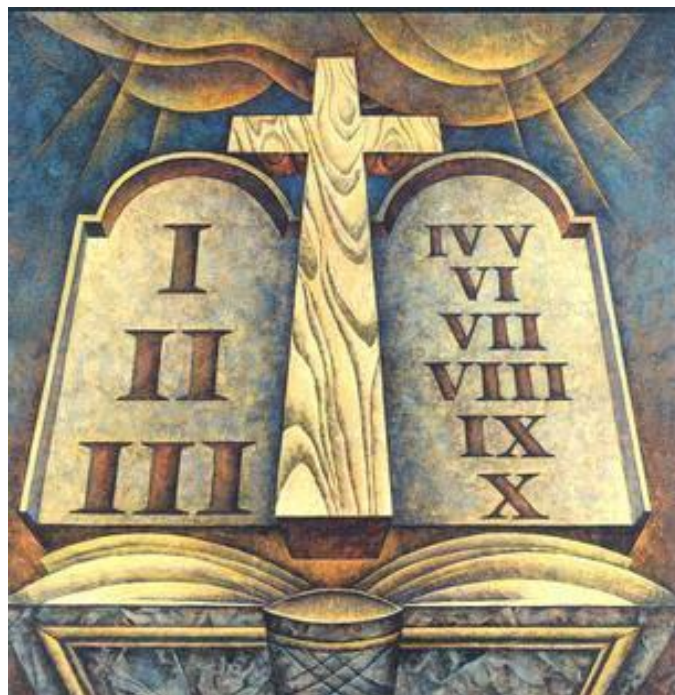
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# A Guide to the Divine Service

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*“Pater, dimitte illis, non enim sciunt quid faciunt”*  
“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”

**Ash Wednesday – Quadragesima**

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[We rise]

## **The Preparation for the Season of Lent**

### **The Lenten Invitation**

Dear brethren, on this day the Church begins the holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times, the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, will richly bless this Lententide that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

### **Quadragesima Penitential Litany**

O Lord, **have mercy.** O Christ, **have mercy.**

O Lord, **have mercy.** O Christ, **hear us.**

God the Father in heaven, **have mercy.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy.**

Be gracious to us. **Spare us, good Lord.**

Be gracious to us. **Help us, good Lord.**

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;

by Your holy nativity;

by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;

by Your agony and bloody sweat;

by Your cross and passion;

by Your precious death and burial;

by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;

and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**Help us, good Lord.**

In all time of our tribulation;

in all time of our prosperity;

in the hour of death;

and in the day of judgment;

**Help us, good Lord.**

We poor sinners implore You

**To hear us, O Lord.**

To prosper the preaching of Your Word;

to bless our prayer and meditation;

to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;

and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our

repentance:

**We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

**We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**we implore You to hear us.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **have mercy.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **have mercy.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **grant us your peace.**

O Christ, **hear us.**

O Lord, **have mercy.**

O Christ, **have mercy.**

O Lord, **have mercy. Amen.**

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

[We are seated]

Hymn “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” #435

### **Blessing and Imposition of Ashes**

[We rise for prayer before and after the imposition of ashes.]

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### **[Spoken] Service of the Word**

#### **Introit**

You have mercy on all, O Lord,

**and abhor nothing You have made.**

You look past the sins of men that they may repent.

**You spare them all because You are our Lord, our God.**

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,

**for in You my soul takes refuge;**

in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge,

**till the storms of destruction pass by.**

I cry out to God Most High,

**to God who fulfills His purpose for me.**

He will send from heaven and save me.

**God will send out His steadfast love and His faithfulness!**

(Ps. 57:1-3a, c; antiphon: Liturgical Text )

#### **Gloria Patri, Kyrie**

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~~Gloria in Excelsis~~ [omitted during Lent]

#### **Salutation**

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**Collect for Quadragesima:** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day

Joel 2:12-19

[Return to the LORD]

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**