

# St. Mary the Virgin

## Anglican Rite Catholic Parish

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### Ash Wednesday

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### Evening Prayer

Opening Hymn

Hymn 57, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tune

ST. PHILIP  
*In moderate time*  
WILLIAM H. MONK, 1861

1 Lord, in this thy mer - cy's day, Ere for us it  
2 Lord, on us thy Spi - rit pour, Kneel - ing low - ly  
pass a - way, On our knees we fall and pray.  
at thy door, Ere it close for ev - er - more. A - men.  
3 By thy night of agony, 5 Judge and Saviour of our race,  
By thy supplicating cry, Grant us, when we see thy face,  
By thy willingness to die, With thy ransomed ones a place.  
4 By thy tears of bitter woe For Jerusalem below, Let us not thy peace forego. 6 On thy love we rest alone,  
And that love shall then be known By the pardoned, round thy throne. Amen.  
ISAAC WILLIAMS, 1842, alt.

### A General Confession

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Minister:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

*Minister:* Praise ye the Lord.

*People:* The Lord's Name be praised.

## Psalm 102

*Domine, exaudi*

BCP 464

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, \* and let my crying come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; \* incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

For my days are consumed away like smoke, \* and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass; \* so that I forget to eat my bread.

For the voice of my groaning, \* my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

I am become like a pelican in the wilderness, \* and like an owl that is in the desert.

I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow, \* that sitteth alone upon the housetop.

Mine enemies revile me all the day long; \* and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

For I have eaten ashes as it were bread, \* and mingled my drink with weeping;

And that, because of thine indignation and wrath; \* for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

My days are gone like a shadow, \* and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever, \* and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion; \* for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

And why? thy servants think upon her stones, \* and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

The nations shall fear thy Name, O LORD; \* and all the kings of the earth thy majesty;

When the LORD shall build up Sion, \* and when his glory shall appear;

When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute, \* and despiseth not their desire.

This shall be written for those that come after, \* and the people which shall be born shall praise the LORD.

For he hath looked down from his sanctuary; \* out of the heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity, \* and deliver them that are appointed unto death;

That they may declare the Name of the LORD in Sion, \* and his worship at Jerusalem;

When the peoples are gathered together, \* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

He brought down my strength in my journey, \* and shortened my days.

But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age; \* as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, \* and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: \* they all shall wax old as doth a garment;  
And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; \* but thou art the same, and thy  
years shall not fail.  
The children of thy servants shall continue, \* and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

**Psalm 130**

*De Profundis*

BCP 507

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; \* Lord, hear my voice.  
O let thine ears consider well \* the voice of my complaint.  
If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, \* O Lord, who may abide it?  
For there is mercy with thee; \* therefore shalt thou be feared.  
I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him; \* in his word is my trust.  
My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; \* I say, before the morning watch.  
O Israel, trust in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, \* and with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he shall redeem Israel \* from all his sins.

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The First Lesson**

**Joel 2:12-17**

TURN ye even to me, saith the LORD, with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping,  
and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your  
God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of  
the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat-  
offering and a drink-offering unto the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a  
fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders,  
gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber,  
and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the  
porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to  
reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people,  
Where is their God?

**Magnificat. St. Luke 1:46**

BCP 26

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded \* the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth \* all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; \* and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \* throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \* he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things; \* and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;  
\* as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## The Second Lesson

### *St. Matthew 6:16-21*

WHEN ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

### **Benedic, anima mea. Psalm ciii.**

BCP 29

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \* according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen \* thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared \* before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \* and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin

Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Minister:* O Lord, save the State.

*People:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Minister:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*People:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Minister:* O Lord, save thy people.

*People:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Minister:* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*People:* For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

*Minister:* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*People:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority*

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants Joseph, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, Gavin, The Governor of this State, and to all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honour them, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the Clergy and People*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for All Conditions of Men*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

**A General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

*2 Cor. xiii. 14.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

**Sequence Hymn**

**Hymn 413**

ST. BERNARD

Cologne, 1741,

arr. by JOHN RICHARDSON, 1851

*Moderately slow*

1 Lord, as to thy dear cross we flee, And plead to be for-giv'n,  
 2 Help us, through good re - port and ill, Our dai - ly cross to bear;  
 3 Let grace our self - ish - ness ex - pel, Our earth - li - ness re - fine;

So let thy life our pat - tern be, And form our souls for heav'n.  
 Like thee, to do our Fa-ther's will, Our breth-ren's grief to share.  
 And kind-ness in our bo-soms dwell As free and true as thine. A-men.

4 Kept peaceful in the midst of strife,  
 Forgiving and forgiv'n,  
 O may we lead the pilgrim's life,  
 And follow thee to heav'n! Amen.

JOHN HAMPDEN GURNEY, 1838, *alt.*

## A Penitential Office for Ash Wednesday

### Psalm 51

*Miserere mei*

BCP 60

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; \* according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, \* and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; \* that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou shalt judge.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, \* and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, \* and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \* thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, \* and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, \* and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, \* and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, \* and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; \* and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, \* and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; \* but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: \* a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; \* build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; \* then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

*People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

### Kyrie Eleison

*Minister:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People:* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Minister:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Minister:* O Lord, save thy servants;

*People:* That put their trust in thee.

*Minister:* Send unto them help from above.

*People:* And evermore rightly defend them.

*Minister:* Help us, O God our Saviour.

*People:* And for the glory of thy Name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners for thy Name's sake.

*Minister:* O Lord, hear our prayer.

*People:* And let our cry come unto thee.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

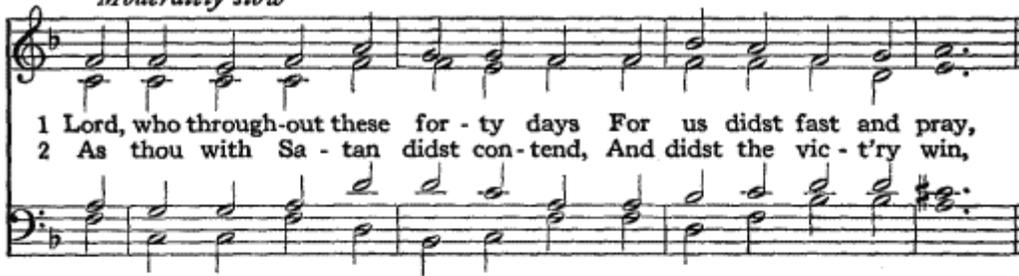
*All:* TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Minister:*

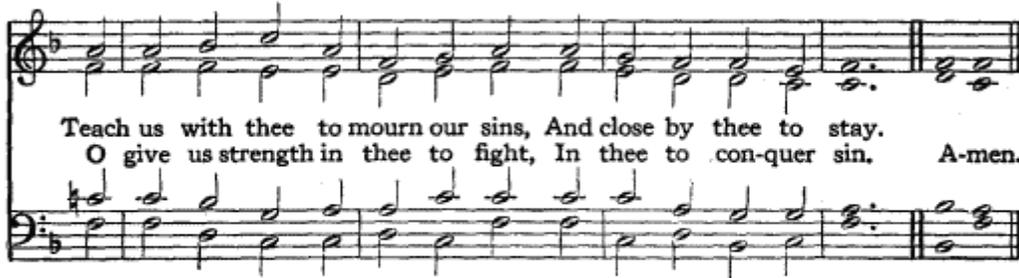
O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE LORD bless us, and keep us. The LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The LORD lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

ST. FLAVIAN

JOHN DAY'S *Psalter*, 1562*Moderately slow*


1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, And didst the vic - t'ry win,



Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, And close by thee to stay.  
O give us strength in thee to fight, In thee to con-quer sin. A-men.

3 As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and chiefly live  
By thy most holy word.

4 And through these days of penitence,  
And through thy Passiontide,  
Yea, evermore, in life and death,  
Jesus! with us abide.

5 Abide with us, that so, this life  
Of suff'ring overpast,  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may attain at last! Amen.

CLAUDIA F. HERNAMAN, 1873