

LENTEN SEASON

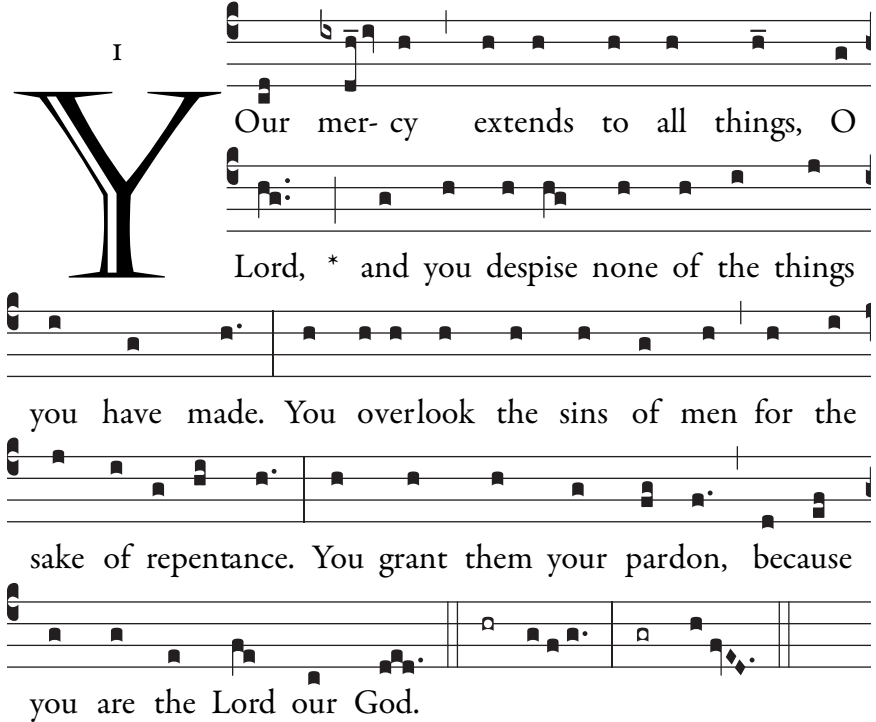
ASH WEDNESDAY

INTROIT

Misereris omnium

Wis 11: 24-25, 27

I



Our mer- cy 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.

Psalm 57 (56)

1. 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*.

2. I call to you, God *the Most High*, *
to God who provides *for me*.
May he send from heaven and save me, †
and put to shame those *who assail me*. *
May God send his loving mercy *and* faithfulness.

3. My soul lies down *among lions*, *
who would devour the sons *of men*.
Their teeth are *spears and arrows*, *
their tongue a sharpened *sword*.
Be exalted, O God, *above the heavens*; *
may your glory shine *on earth*!

Glory be to the Father ...

OFFERTORY

Exaltabo te

Ps 30 (29): 2, 3

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.

Psalm 30 (29)

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

2. Sing psalms to the LORD, *you faithful ones*; *
give thanks to his *holy name*.

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

3. I said to myself in my *good fortune*: *
“I shall never *be shaken*.”

O LORD, your favor had set me like a *mountain stronghold*. *
Then you hid your face, and I was put *to confusion*.

4. To you, O LORD, *I cried*, *
to my God I *appealed for mercy*:

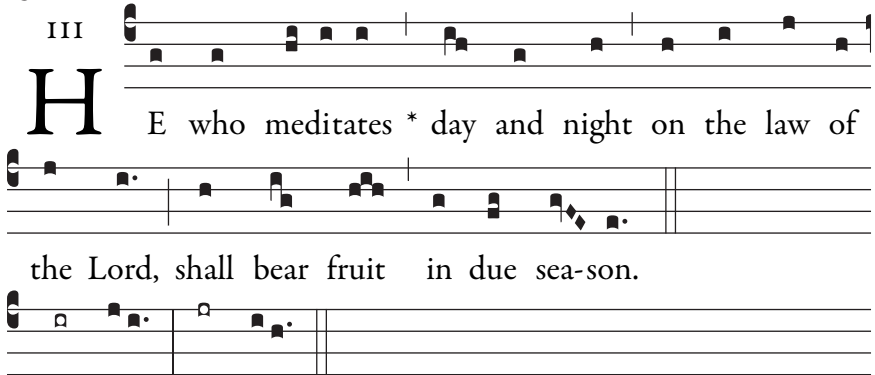
“What profit is my lifeblood, my going to *the grave*? *
Can dust give you thanks, or *proclaim your faithfulness*?”

COMMUNION

Qui meditabitur

Ps 1: 2b, 3b

III



HE who meditates * day and night on the law of
the Lord, shall bear fruit in due sea-son.

Psalm 30 (29)

1. Blessed indeed is *the man* *
who follows not the counsel of *the wicked*,
nor stands in the path *with sinners*, *
nor abides in the company of *scorners*,

2. but whose delight is the law of *the LORD*, *
and who ponders his law day *and night*.
3. He is like a tree that is planted †
beside the *flowing waters*, *
that yields its fruit in *due season*,
and whose leaves shall *never fade*; *
and all that he does *shall prosper*.
4. Not so are the wicked, not so! †
For they, like *winnowed chaff*, *
shall be driven away by *the wind*.
5. When the wicked are judged they shall *not rise*, *
nor shall sinners in the council of *the just*;
for the LORD knows the way of *the just*, *
but the way of the wicked *will perish*.

Glory be to the Father ...

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