

THE LENTEN SEASON

ASH WEDNESDAY

Introit

Wis II: 24-25, 27; Ps 56

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M I-se-ré-ris * ómni-um, Dó-mi-ne, et ni-hil

o-dísti e-ó-rum quae fe-cí-sti, dissímu-lans pec-

cá-ta hó-mi-num propter pae-ni-ténti-am, et

par-cens il-lis: qui-a tu es Dó-

mi-nus De-us no-ster. *Ps.* Mi-se-ré-re me-i De-us,

mi-se-ré-re me-i: quó-ni-am in te confí-dit á-ni-ma

me-a.

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. *ψ.* Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for my soul confides in you.

The Glória is not sung during Lent.

Opening Prayer

CONCEDE NOBIS, Dómine, præsídia militiæ christi-
ánæ sanctis inchoáre ieiúniis,
ut, contra spiritáles nequítias
pugnáturi, continéntiæ muniá-
mur auxiliis.

LORD, protect us in our strug-
gle against evil. As we
begin the discipline of Lent,
make this season holy by our
self-denial.

First reading

Joel 2: 12-18: *Rend your hearts and not your garments.*

Gradual

Ps 56: 2, ψ. 4

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MI-se- ré-re * me- i De- us,
mi-se- ré- re me- i :
quó- ni- am in te con- fí- dit á-
ni- ma me- a.