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Lord, — how long ? *Ant.*

¶ 4

**R**Eturn, O Lord, re-scue my soul ; \* de-liv-er me for  
the sake of your kind-ness. *Ant.*

¶ 5

**F**OR in death no one remembers you ; \* from the  
grave who can give you praise ? *Ant.*

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2 Ant.  
4 d.

**B**E-tween the porch and the al- tar, \* the priests, the  
min- is- ters of the Lord, shall weep. They shall cry : Spare,  
O Lord, spare your peo- ple ; do not close the mouths of those  
who sing to you, O Lord.

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¶ 4

**I** am ex- hast- ed with my groan- ing ; \* ev'- ry night  
I drench my pil- low with tears. *Ant.*

¶ 5

**T**HE Lord has heard my plead- ing, \* the Lord will  
ac- cept my prayer. *Ant.*

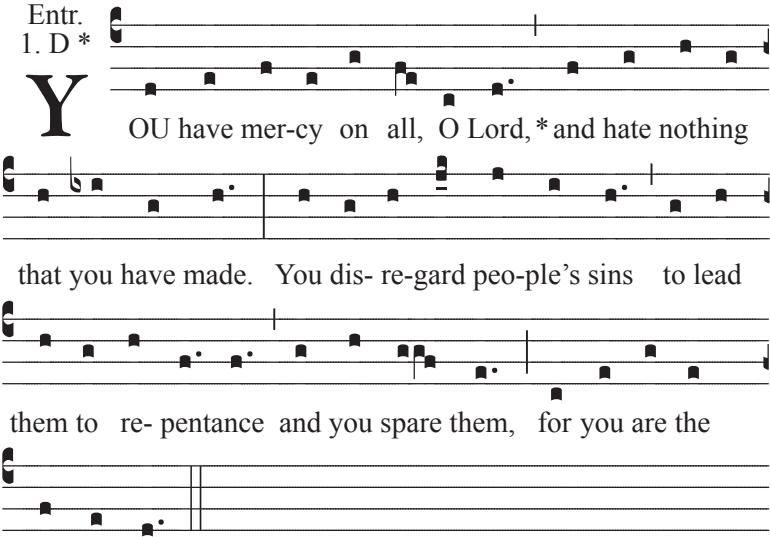
# SEASON OF LENT

## ASH WEDNESDAY

### ENTRANCE

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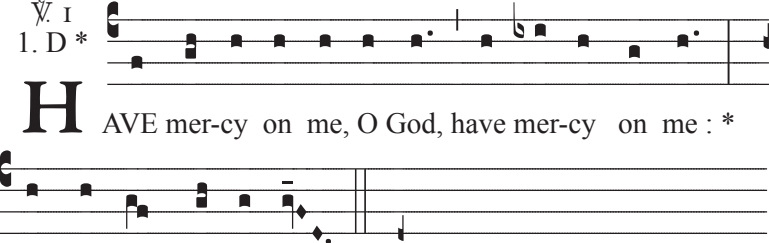
Entr.  
1. D \*



**Y**OU have mer-cy on all, O Lord,\* and hate nothing  
that you have made. You dis- re-gard peo-ple's sins to lead  
them to re- pentance and you spare them, for you are the  
Lord our God.

Psalm 56 Use verses as needed.

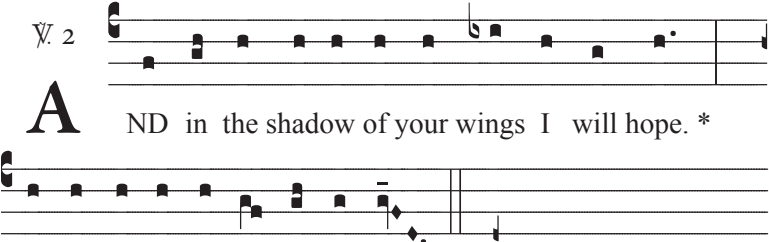
1. D \*



**H**AVE mer-cy on me, O God, have mer-cy on me : \*

for my soul trusts in you.

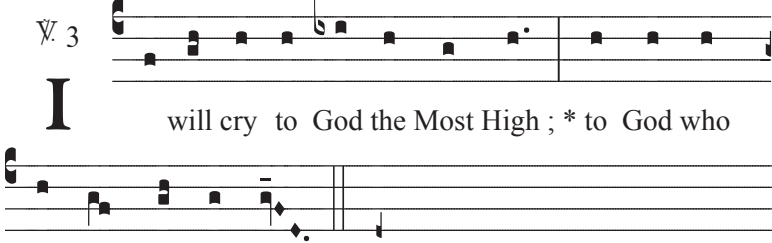
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**A**ND in the shadow of your wings I will hope. \*

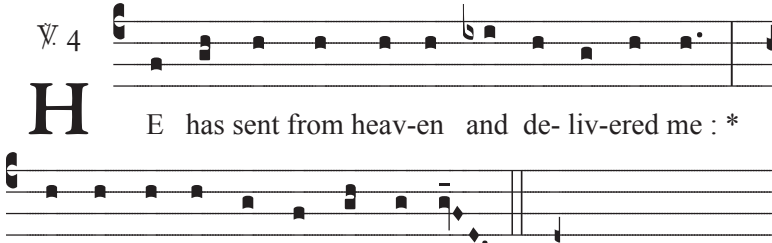
un-til in- i- qui- ty pass a- way.

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**I** will cry to God the Most High ; \* to God who  
has done good to me.

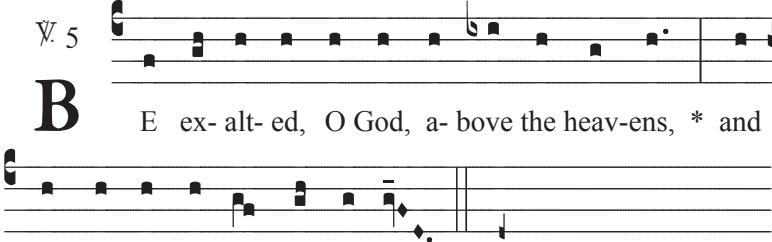
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**H**E has sent from heav-en and de- liv-ered me : \*

God has sent his mer- cy and his truth.

5



**B**E ex- alt- ed, O God, a- bove the heav-ens, \* and  
your glo- ry a-bove all the earth.

6



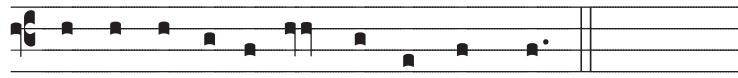
**M**Y heart is read-y, O God, my heart is read- y : \*

I will sing a psalm and chant praise.

Ash Wednesday

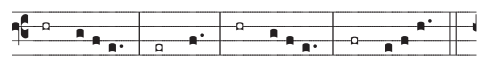
*Miserere, Domine, quia peccavimus.*

417 <sup>R̃</sup>  
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**B** E mer- ci- ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2. f



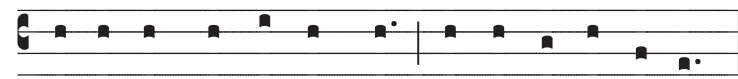
Have mercy on me, O God, /  
according to your | *stead-fast love* ;  
according to your abundant mercy /  
blot out my trans- | **gres-** sions.  
Wash me thoroughly from | *my in- i-* qui- ty,  
and cleanse me | *from my sin.* (R̃)

For I know | *my trans-gres-*sions,  
and my sin is ever be- | **fore** me.  
Against you, you alone, | *have I sinned,*  
and done what is evil | *in your sight.* (R̃)

Create in me a clean | *heart, O God,*  
and put a new and right spirit with- | **in** me.  
Do not cast me away | *from your pres-*ence,  
and do not take your holy spir- | *it from me.* (R̃)

Restore to me the joy of | *your sal-va-*tion,  
and sustain in me a willing | **spir-**it.  
O Lord, / o- | *pen my lips,*  
and my mouth will de- | *clare your praise.* (R̃)

<sup>R̃</sup>  
8. c

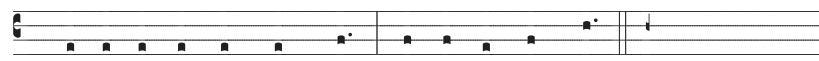


**P** Raise to you, Lord Je- sus Christ, king of endless glo- ry !

VERSE

*Ps 94 : 8*

Ash Wednesday

*Hodie, si vocem eius audieritis.*


8. c. If to-day you hear God's voice, hard-en not your hearts.

OFFERTORY

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2. A.

**I** will ex-tol you, O Lord, \* for you have up-held  
me, and have not let my en-e-mies re-joyce o-ver me.  
O Lord, I have cried to you, and you have healed me.

Psalm 29 *Use verses as needed.*

¶ 1  
2. A

**Y**OU have brought forth, O Lord, my soul from hell : \*  
you have saved me from them that go down in- to the pit.

¶ 2

**S**ING to the Lord, O you his saints : \* and give praise  
to the mem-o-ry of his ho-li-ness.

¶ 3

**F**OR his an-ger lasts but a mo-ment ; \* a life time,  
his good will.

¶ 4

**A**T nightfall weeping en-ters in, \* but with the dawn  
re-joic-ing.

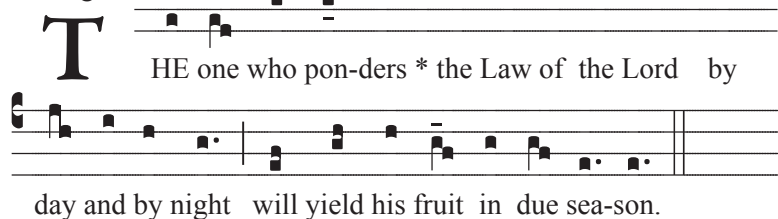
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**T**HE Lord has heard, and has had mer-cy, \* the Lord  
became my help-er.

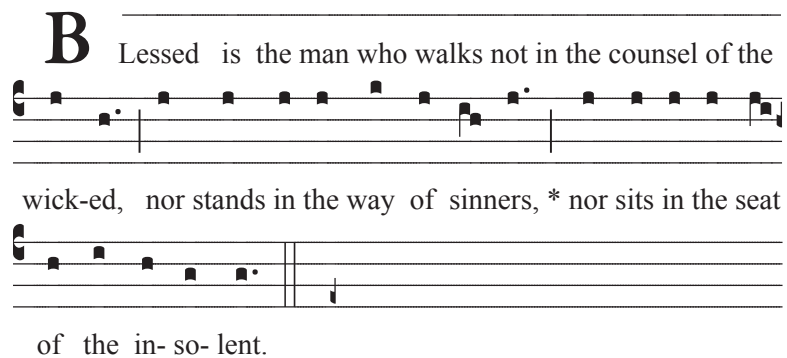
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**Y**OU have turned my mourning in- to joy : \* you took  
off my sackcloth and clothed me with glad-ness.

## COMMUNION

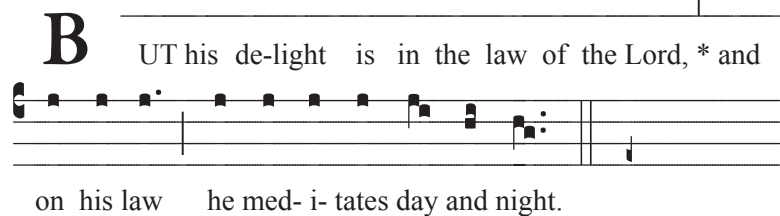
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**T** HE one who pon-ders \* the Law of the Lord by  
day and by night will yield his fruit in due sea-son.

Psalm 1 *Use verses as needed.*V 1  
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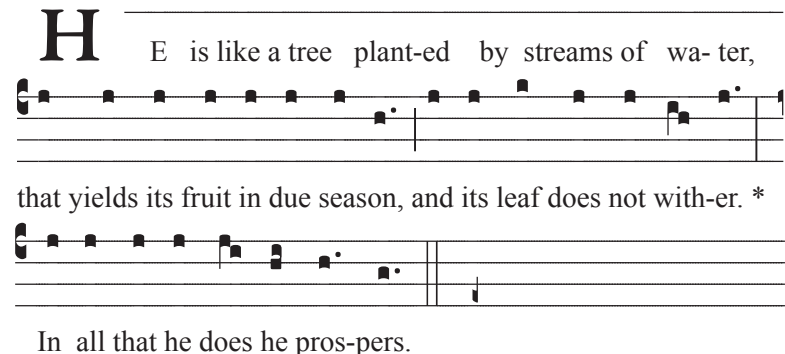
**B** Lessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the  
wick-ed, nor stands in the way of sinners, \* nor sits in the seat  
of the in- so- lent.

V 2



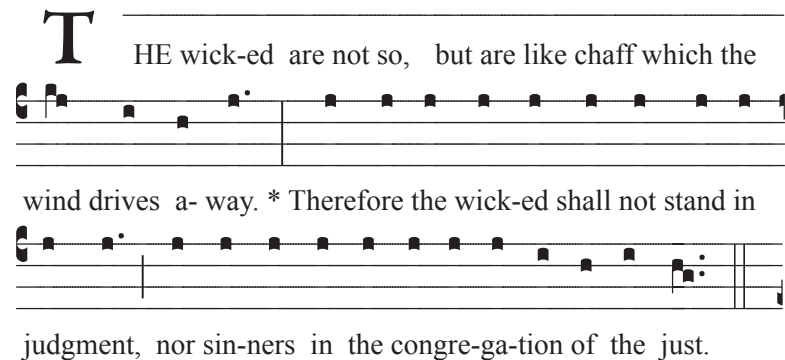
**B** UT his de-light is in the law of the Lord, \* and  
on his law he med- i- tates day and night.

V 3



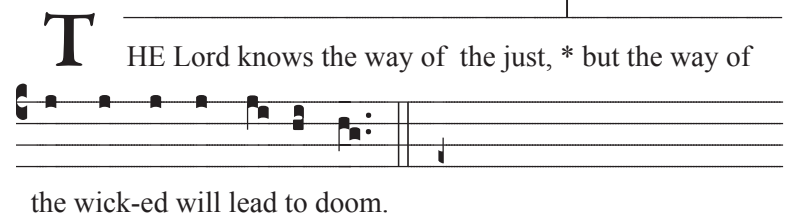
**H** E is like a tree plant-ed by streams of wa- ter,  
that yields its fruit in due season, and its leaf does not with-er. \*  
In all that he does he pros-pers.

V 4



**T** HE wick-ed are not so, but are like chaff which the  
wind drives a- way. \* Therefore the wick-ed shall not stand in  
judgment, nor sin-ners in the congre-ga-tion of the just.

V 5



**T** HE Lord knows the way of the just, \* but the way of  
the wick-ed will lead to doom.