

Jonah 3:1-10

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent. 4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

6 Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?

10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

Isaiah 59:12-21**Joel 2:12-19**

¹² "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." ¹³ So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. ¹⁴ Who knows if He will turn

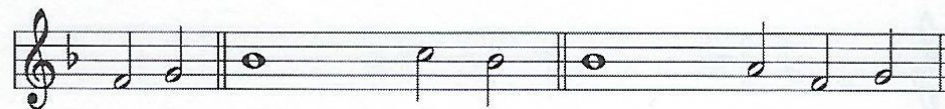
and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him—A grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; ¹⁶ Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. ¹⁷ Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' " ¹⁸ Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, And pity His people. ¹⁹ The LORD will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, And you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.

St. Matthew 6:16-21

¹⁶ "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ¹⁷ "But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ "so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹ "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Introit.**

Ant. I WILL || cry unto God Most | High | - :
unto God that performeth all | things | for | me.
|| Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my | re- | fuge:
until these calamities be | o- | ver- | past.

Psalm. || Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto | me | - :
for my soul trust- | eth | in | Thee.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :
and to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning; is now, and ever | shall | be:
world without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

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, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Joel 2:12-19**Gospel. Matthew 6:16-21**

Additional reading: Jonah 3:1-10; Isaiah 59:12-21

Gradual.

|| Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto | me | - :
for my soul trust- | eth | in | Thee.

|| He shall send from | heav- | en:
and save me from the reproach of him that would swal- | low | me | up.

Tract. || O Lord, deal not with us after our sins; nor reward us according to our
i- | niqui- | ties:

help us, O God of our salvation; for the glory | of | Thy | Name.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* He who meditates on the law of the Lord day and night, will bring forth fruit in due season. (Ps 1:1-3). **Psalm 1.**

Ash Wednesday

19. When O'er My Sins I Sorrow

Dr. J. Gesenius, 1646

C. Winkworth, Tr. a

7, 6, 7, 6, 8, 7, 6

Herr Christ, der einig Gott's Sohn

J. Walther, 1524

1. When o'er my sins I sor - row, Lord, I will
 2. O what a marv'l - ous off'r - ing! Be - hold! the
 3. My man - i - fold trans - gres - sion Hence - forth can

look to Thee, And hence my com - fort bor - row,
 Mas - ter spares His ser - vants, and their suff'r - ing
 harm me none, Since Je - sus' blood - y pas - sion

That Thou wast slain for me. Yea, Lord, Thy pre - cious
 And grief for them He bears. God stoop - eth from His
 For me God's grace hath won; His prec - ious blood my

blood was spilt For me, O most un -
 throne on high, For me, His guil - ty
 debts on hath paid; Of hell and all its

worth - y, To take a - way my guilt.
 crea - ture, He deigns as man to die.
 tor - ments I am no more a - fraid. A - men.

4. Therefore, I will forever
 Give glory unto Thee,
 O Jesus, loving Savior,
 For what Thou didst for me.
 I'll spend my breath
 in songs of thanks
 For Thy sad cry, Thy suff'rings,
 Thy wrongs, Thy guiltless death.

5. Lord, let Thy woes, Thy patience,
 My heart with strength inspire
 To vanquish all temptations,
 And spurn all base desire;
 This thought I fain
 would cherish most—
 What pain my soul's redemption
 Hath Thee, O Savior cost!

6. Whate'er may be the burden,
 The cross here on me laid;
 Be shame or want my guerdon,
 I'll bear it with Thine aid;
 Give patience, give
 me strength to take
 Thee for my bright example,
 And all the world forsake.

7. And let me do to others
 As Thou hast done to me:
 Love all men as my brothers,
 And serve them willingly,
 With ready heart,
 nor seek my own,
 But as Thou, Lord, hast helpéd us,
 From purest love alone.