

Prelude: What Wondrous Love is This

Opening Sentences

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God,
you despise nothing you have made
and you forgive the sins of all who trust in you. Create in us new and
contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins,
and acknowledging our brokenness,
we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and
forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 58:1–12

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.**

In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us, O God.

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us, O God.

**Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in
your sight.**

In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us, O God.

Create in us a clean heart, O God! Place a new and right spirit within us! Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Imposition of Ashes

“Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return. Amen.”

Blessing and Charge

Song: “I Will Come to You”