



Ash Wednesday

Year A

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2:13b



Mosaic of God

Jerusalem,
Israel

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
gather the people.

Joel 2:15-16a



Angel Playing a
Flageolet

Faith Goble

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free...

Isaiah 58:6

Wretched are the Legs That Must
Bear the Burden of Poverty

Adrien van de Venne
Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen
Rotterdam, Netherlands



Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry, and bring the homeless poor
into your house?

Isaiah 58:7



Charity -- Marie-Francois Firmin-Girard, Museu Nacional de Belas Artes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

Psalm 51:1



Remissionem, detail

St. Aloysius Church
Columbus, Ohio

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit
within me.

Psalm 51:10



Repentance Altarpiece -- Bror Hjorth, Jukkasjarvi Church, Jukkasjarvi, Sweden

We are treated...as dying,
and look--we are alive;
as sorrowful,
yet always rejoicing;

2 Corinthians 6:8b, 9a, 10a



A Village Choir -- Thomas Webster, Victoria and Albert Museum, London

...as poor yet making many rich;
as having nothing and yet possessing
everything

2 Corinthians 6:10b

Peter and Paul

Guido Reni
Pinacoteca di Brera
Milan, Italy



"And whenever you pray, do not be like
the hypocrites;
for they love to stand and pray...
so that they may be seen by others."

Matthew 6:5a,c



The Pharisee and the Publican -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

"Do not store up for yourselves
treasures on earth...
but store up for yourselves treasures in
heaven..."

Matthew 6:19a-20a



Detail, Altar of St. John

Rogier van der Weyden
Gemaldegalerie
Berlin, Germany

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21



Sunday Morning in Virginia -- Winslow Homer, Cincinnati Art Museum

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