

Wednesday, February 23, 1955

# Ash Wednesday

Lent • One-Year (Historic) • 1954–1955 Church Year • Purple

## APPOINTED READINGS

### EPISTLE (LESSON)

Joel 2:12-19

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2 Peter 1:2-11

### GOSPEL

Matthew 6:16-21

## INTROIT

*Misereris omnium* — Wisdom 11; Psalm 57

*Thou hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and hatest none of the things which thou hast made, winking at the sins of men for the sake of repentance, and sparing them; for thou art the Lord our God. Psalm. Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me; for my soul trusteth in thee.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Grant to thy faithful, O Lord, that they may begin the venerable solemnities of fasting with becoming piety, and perform them with secure devotion. Through our Lord, &c.;*

Introit and collect: Husenbeth, *The Missal for the Use of the Laity* (London, 1853) — Ash Wednesday, public domain (historic Western propers; not from Lutheran service books). Readings per *The Lutheran Missal*, "Lenten Lections" (2020).