Friday, February 20, 2026

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Lent • One-Year (Historic) • 2025–2026 Church Year • Purple

APPOINTED READINGS

LESSON
Isaiah 58:1-9a

GOSPEL
Matthew 5:43-6:4

INTROIT

Audivit Dominus — Psalm 30

The Lord hath heard, and hath had mercy on me: the Lord became my helper. Psalm. I will extol thee, O Lord, for thou hast upheld me; and hast not made my enemies to rejoice over me.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Regard the fast we have begun, we beseech thee, O Lord, with kind favour; that the observance we exhibit corporally, we may be able also to exercise with sincere minds. Through our Lord, &c.

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