Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Ember Wednesday in Lent

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

APPOINTED READINGS

FIRST LESSON
Exodus 24:12-18

SECOND LESSON
1 Kings 19:3b-8

GOSPEL
Matthew 12:38-50

INTROIT

Reminiscere — Psalm 25

Remember, O Lord, thy bowels of compassion, and thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world; lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. Psalm. To thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Mercifully hear our prayers, we beseech thee, O Lord; and against all our adversaries extend the right hand of thy Majesty. Through our Lord, &c.

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