

ASH WEDNESDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

LCM 41

Cf. *Wis 11: 24, 27 · RM, GR* ①

Y^I OU are mer-ci-ful to all, O Lord, for you are the
Lord our God.

[**Wisdom 11: 24-25 and 27**]; **Psalm 57 (56): 2ab, 2cd, 3, 8**

1. [You are merciful to all, *O Lord*, *
and despise nothing that you *have made*.
You overlook people's sins, †
to bring them to repentance, and *you spare* them, *
for you are the Lord *our God*.]
2. Have mercy on me, God, *have mercy*, *
for in you my soul has taken *refuge*.
3. In the shadow of your wings I *take refuge*, *
till the storms of destruction *pass by*.
4. I call to you, God the *Most High*, *
to God who provides *for me*.
5. My heart is ready, O God; †
my heart *is ready*. *
I will sing, I will sing *your praise*.
6. Glory be to the Father, and to *the Son*, *
and to the *Holy Spirit*.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall be*, *
world without end. *Amen*.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

LCM 42

Ps 30 (29): 2 · GR ①

II

I will ex-tol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and have not let my en- e- mies re-joice o- ver me.

Psalm 30 (29): [3], 4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10

1. [O Lord, I cried out to you, *
and *you* healed me.]
2. O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from the **grave**, *
restored me to life from those who sink into *the* pit.
3. Sing psalms to the LORD, you **faithful** ones; *
give thanks to his *holy* name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favor all through **life**. *
At night come tears, but dawn *brings* joy.
4. I said to myself in my good **fortune**: *
“I shall never *be* shaken.”
O LORD, your favor had set me like a mountain **stronghold**. *
Then you hid your face, and I was put to *confusion*.
5. To you, O LORD, I **cried**, *
to my God I appealed *for* mercy:
“What profit is my lifeblood, my going to the **grave**? *
Can dust give you thanks, or proclaim *your* **faithfulness**?”

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

LCM 43

Cf: Ps 1: 2-3 · RM, GR ○

III

H E who ponders the law of the Lord day and night

will yield fruit in due sea-son.

Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4, 5-6

1. Blessed indeed is *the man* *
who follows not the counsel of *the wicked*,
nor stands in the path *with sinners*, *
nor abides in the company of *scorners*,
but whose delight is the law of *the LORD*, *
and who ponders his law *day and night*.
2. He is like a tree that is planted †
beside the *flowing waters*, *
that yields its fruit in *due season*,
and whose leaves shall *never fade*; *
and all that he does *shall prosper*.
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! †
For they, like *winnowed chaff*, *
shall be driven away by *the wind*.
4. When the wicked are judged they shall *not rise*, *
nor shall sinners in the council of *the just*;
for the LORD knows the way of *the just*, *
but the way of the wicked *will perish*.
5. Glory be to the Father, and to *the Son*, *
and to the Holy *Spirit*.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall be*, *
world without end. *Amen*.