Proper for February 14, 2024, Ash Wednesday

Theme: “Our Borders Enlarged at the Acceptable Time”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent, Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Joel 2: 1-2; 12-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51: 1-11

New Testament Proclamation: 2 Corinthians 5: 20-6: 2

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 6: 1-8; 16-18

Gradual Verse:

Remove the false way from me, and graciously grant me Your Law.

Prayers of the People: Litany of Penance from the BCP 1979, p. 267-269

*(See also the Ash Wednesday Base File)*

# Proper Preface:

Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You bid Your faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and to prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by Your word and sacraments, we may come to the fullness of grace which You have prepared for those who love You.

Therefore with angels, archangels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs and the whole company of heaven we join in their unending hymn of praise:

Benediction:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep Your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; may you go through this season of repentance steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. ***Amen.***