



ASH WEDNESDAY

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Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 • Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 • Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and
with mourning;

Joel 2:12a, 13

Grief
Mission
District Mural
San Francisco,
CA



Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Joel 2:13b

Prayer before the Life of
Joseph Mural

Keur Moussa Abbey
Senegal



"Why do we fast ... ?" Look, you serve
your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Isaiah 58:3ac



Women Miners -- Vincent Van Gogh, Kroller-Muller Museum, Otterlo, Netherlands

"Why do we fast ... ?" Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house ... and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Isaiah 58:3a, 7ac



The Parish Soup Kitchen -- George Elgar Hicks, Royal Academy, London, England

Then your light shall break forth
like the dawn, and your healing
shall spring up quickly ...

Isaiah 58:8a



Woman Before the Rising Sun -- Caspar David Friedrich, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt ...
you shall be called the repairer of
the breach, the restorer of streets
to live in.

Isaiah 58:12ac

Repairing Bomb-
damaged
Housing, WWII

Imperial War
Museum
London, England



Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

Psalm 51:1



Translucence -- Church of Saint Mary of Zion, Axum, Ethiopia

Restore to me the joy of your
salvation, and sustain in me a
willing spirit.

Psalm 51:12

Beloved

Linda Crossan
Second Presbyterian Church
Nashville, TN



but as servants of God we have
commended ourselves ... by purity,
knowledge, patience, kindness,
holiness of spirit, genuine love ...

2 Corinthians 6:4a, 6

Reflection in Blue
Eva Bonnier
Nationalmuseum
Stockholm, Sweden



"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others."

Matthew 6:5



The Pharisee and the Publican -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth ... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19a, 20a, 21



Members of the Fort Bliss and El Paso community prepare Thanksgiving dinner for El Pasoans in need

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