ASH WEDNESDAY

Year C

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
Mourning Figures -- After Cimabue, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
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
Hand of God (Compassion) -- Church of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pickerington, OH
"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
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
Mercy of Christ -- Stained glass, unidentified location
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
"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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