

SAINT JOHN BOSCO PARISH OF BRANFORD

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18TH 2026

ENTRANCE HYMN

AGAIN WE KEEP THIS SOLEMN FAST



1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast, A gift of faith from ag - es past,
2. The law and proph - ets from of old In fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told,
3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make The words we speak, the food we take,



1. This Lent which binds us lov - ing - ly To faith and hope and char - i - ty.
2. Which Christ, all a - ges' Lord and Guide, In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
3. Our sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - 'ry sense; Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14 AND 17



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-18

BLESSING & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN DURING THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS

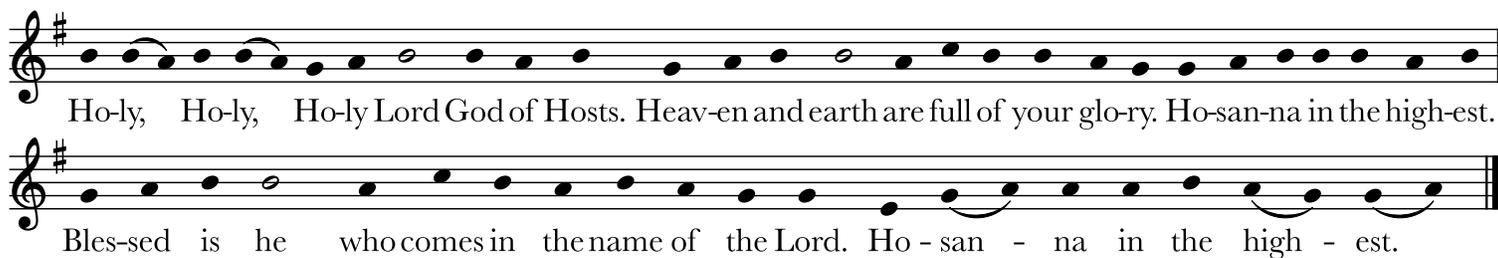
TODAY IS THE ACCEPTED TIME



1. To - day is the ac - cept - ed time. Christ's heal - ing light, the gift di - vine
2. The light of Christ will show the way That leads to God's sal - va - tion day.
3. Keep all our minds and bo - dies true In sac - ri - fice, O God, to You,
4. Let all cre - a - tion join to raise Most gra - cious Trin - i - ty, Your praise.



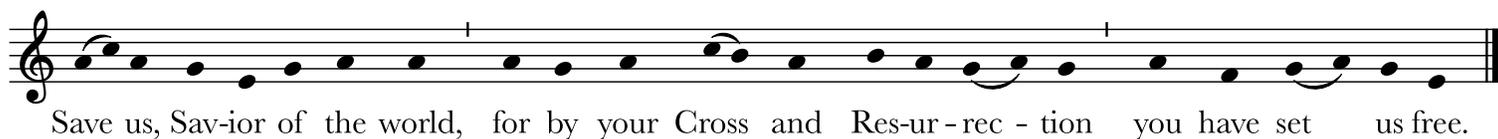
1. Shines forth to save the pen - i - tent To wake the world by means of Lent.
2. The ri - gor of this fast - ing mends The hearts that hate - ful sin - ning rends.
3. That we may join, when Lents have ceased, The ev - er - last - ing Pas - chal Feast.
4. And when your love has made us new, May we sing new songs, Lord, to You.



Holy, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of Hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CHANT MASS



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AGNVS DEI

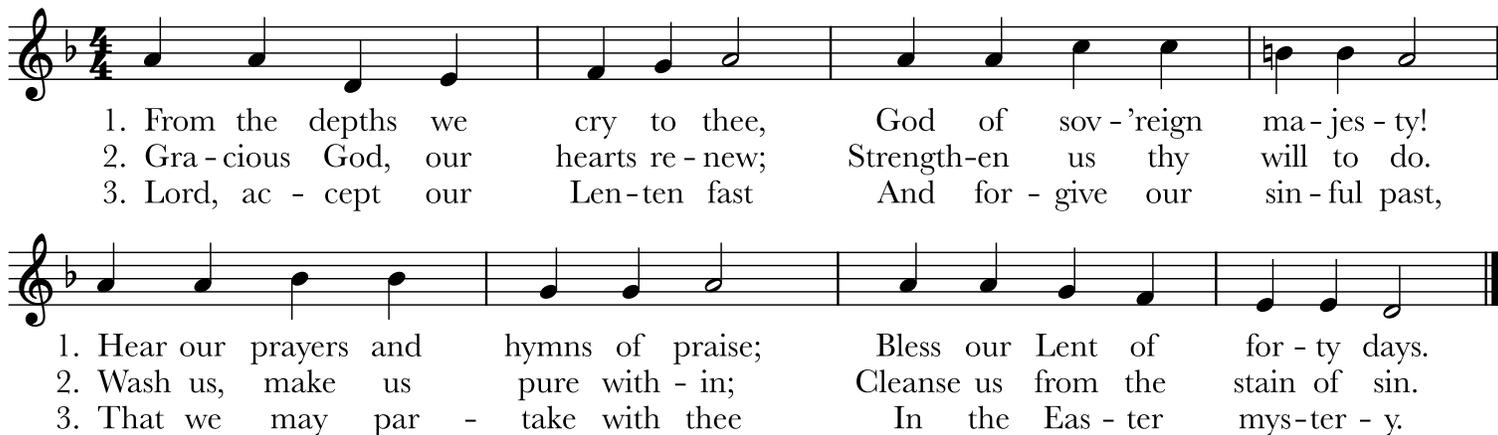
MISSA XVIII



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MEDITATION

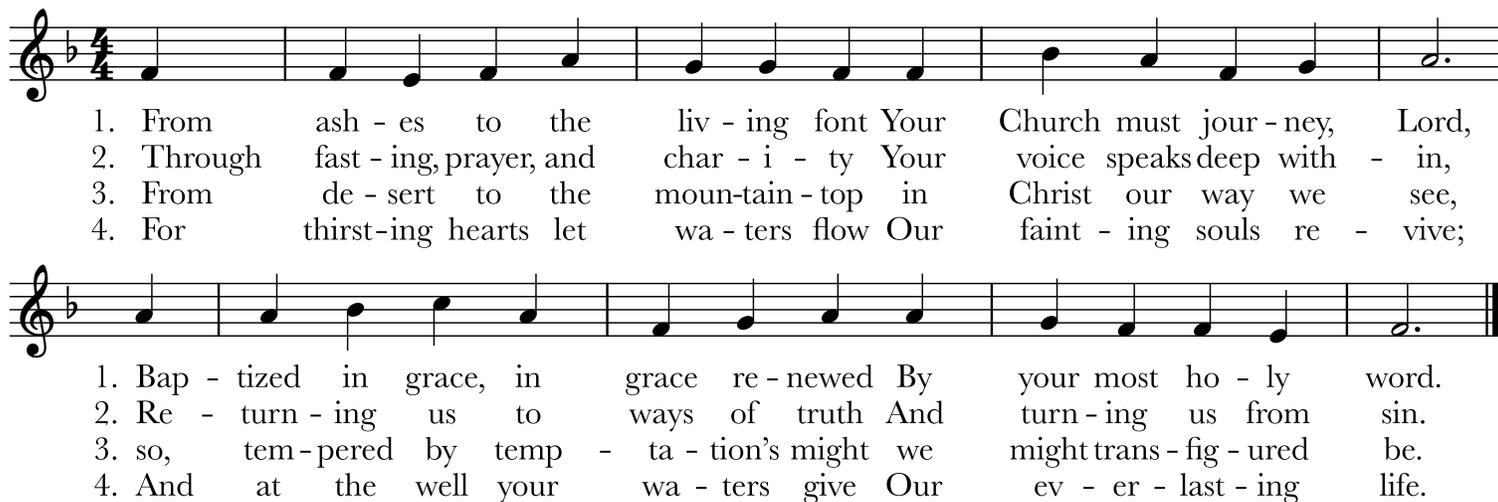
FROM THE DEPTHS WE CRY TO THEE



1. From the depths we cry to thee, God of sov-'reign ma-jes-ty!
2. Gra-cious God, our hearts re-new; Strength-en us thy will to do.
3. Lord, ac-cept our Len-ten fast And for-give our sin-ful past,
1. Hear our prayers and hymns of praise; Bless our Lent of for-ty days.
2. Wash us, make us pure with-in; Cleanse us from the stain of sin.
3. That we may par-take with thee In the Eas-ter mys-ter-y.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

FROM ASHES TO THE LIVING FONT



1. From ash-es to the liv-ing font Your Church must jour-ney, Lord,
2. Through fast-ing, prayer, and char-i-ty Your voice speaks deep with-in,
3. From de-sert to the moun-tain-top in Christ our way we see,
4. For thirst-ing hearts let wa-ters flow Our faint-ing souls re-vive;
1. Bap-tized in grace, in grace re-newed By your most ho-ly word.
2. Re-turn-ing us to ways of truth And turn-ing us from sin.
3. so, tem-pered by temp-ta-tion's might we might trans-fig-ured be.
4. And at the well your wa-ters give Our ev-er-last-ing life.

SAINT JOHN BOSCO PARISH OF BRANFORD

I SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22ND 2026

PRELUDE CHANT

PARCE DOMINE

Parce, Domine, Parce populo tuo:
Ne in aeternum irascaris nobis.

Flectamus iram vindicem,
Ploremus ante Judicem;
Clamemus ore supplici,
Dicamus omnes cernui:

Nostris malis offendimus
Tuam Deus clementiam
Effunde nobis desuper
Remissor indulgentiam.

Dans tempus acceptabile,
Da lacrimarum rivulis
Lavare cordis victimam,
Quam laeta adurat caritas.

Audi, benigne Conditor,
Nostras preces cum fletibus
In hoc sacro jejunio,
Fusas quadragenario.

Spare, O Lord, Spare Your people,
Do not be angry with us forever.

Let us turn back the angry avenger,
Let us lament before the Judge;
Let us cry aloud as suppliants,
Falling prostrate, let us all say:

By our evils we have offended
Against your mercy, O God.
Pour out upon us from above
Your indulgence, unto remission.

Having given us this acceptable time,
Grant that by these rivers of our tears,
The victim, our heart, may be cleansed
That our joy may enkindle our charity.

Hear, O merciful Creator,
Our prayers through weeping,
In this most sacred fast,
Made firm by these forty days.

INTROITUS

INVOCABIT ME

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

ENTRANCE HYMN

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS



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|--------------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| 1. For - ty | days and | for - ty | nights | You were | fast - ing | in the | wild; |
| 2. Shall not | we your | sor - row | share | And from | world - ly | joys ab - | stain, |
| 3. Then if | Sa - tan | on us | press, | Flesh or | spir - it | to as - | sail, |
| 4. Keep, O | keep us, | Sav - ior | dear, | Ev - er | con - stant | by your | side; |



| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|---------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| 1. For - ty | days and | for - ty | nights | Tempt - ed, | and yet | un - de - | filed. |
| 2. Fast - ing | with un - | ceas - ing | prayer, | Strong with | you to | suf - fer | pain? |
| 3. Vic - tor | in the | wil - der - | ness, | Grant we | may not | faint nor | fail! |
| 4. That with | you we | may ap - | pear | At th'e - | ter - nal | Eas - tert - | ide. |

REPENTENTIAL RITE

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 4:4B



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:1-11

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

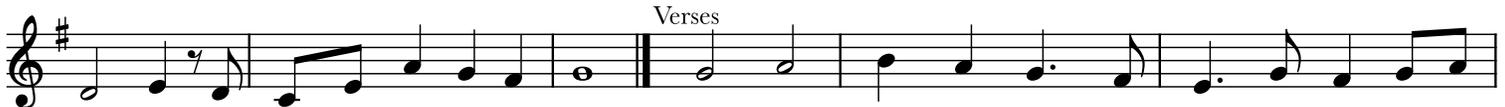
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BEYOND THE DAYS



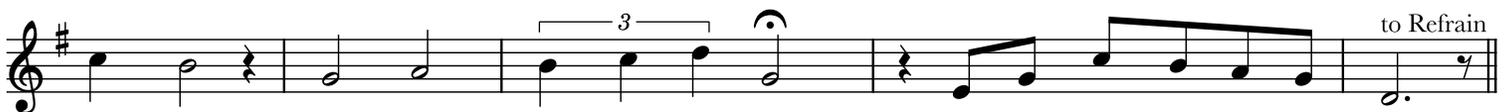
Refrain

Be-yond the days of hope and mys-t'ry we see a light of faith re-newed, and in our long-ing we thirst for



Verses

guid-ance to walk with you day by day. 1. For - ty days and nights, you guide the steps of our
2. Not on bread a - lone are we to walk on this
3. In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your
4. On our Lent - en path we see the dawn of a



3 to Refrain

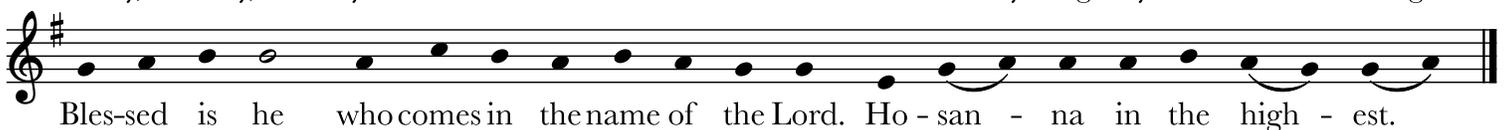
1. jour-ney. May your pre-sence be felt in the whis-per of your voice.
2. jour-ney. Speak the words that give life to the yearn-ings of our hearts.
3. guid-ance. Keep us safe in your care: may your gen - tle-ness be there.
4. new day. Be our vi - sion of hope; be the pro-mise of our lives.

SANCTUS

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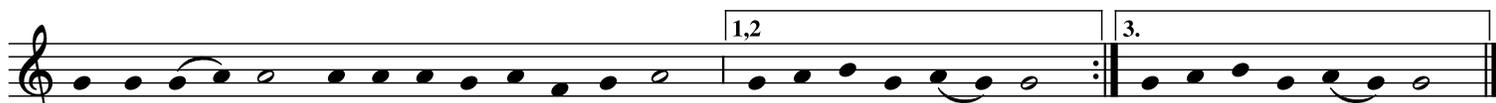
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION HYMN

TURN TO ME



Turn to me, O turn, and be saved, says the Lord, for I am God;



there is no oth-er, none be - side me. I call your name.



1. I am God, who com-forts you; who are you to be a - fraid



of flesh that fades, is made like the grass of the field, soon to with-er.



2. Lis-ten to me, my peo-ple; give ear to me my na-tion:

3. Lift up your eyes to the heav-ens, and look at the earth down be - low.



2. a law will go forth from me, and my jus-tice for a light to the peo-ple.

3. The heav-ens will van-ish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a gar-ment.



1, 5. Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door; Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door;



1, 5. O sin-ner, why don't you an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.



2. Knocks like Je - sus. Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door; Knocks like Je - sus.
3. Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door. Can't you hear him?
4. Je - sus calls you, Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door. Je - sus calls you.



Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door; O sin-ner, why don't you an-swer? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door.

FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Heavenly Father, You have created us for a definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for each of us in this life, and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make my parish, my home and my heart fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. May our young men respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among them a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. We make our prayer for priestly vocations to You, Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Saint Joseph, Patron of our Archdiocese, pray for us. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

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II SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1ST 2026

PRELUDE CHANT

AUDI BENIGNE CONDITOR

Audi benigne conditor,
nostras preces cum fletibus,
in hoc sacro jejunio,
fusas quadragenario.

Scrutator alme cordium,
infirmi tu scis virium,
ad te reversis exhibe
remissionis gratiam.

Multum quidem peccavimus,
sed pace confitentibus,
ad nominis laudem tui,
confer medelam languidis.

Concede nostrum conteri,
corpus per abstinentiam,
culpa ut relinquat parvulum,
jejuna corda criminum.

Praesta beata Trinitas,
concede simplex unitas,
ut fructuosa sint tuis,
jejuniorum munera.

O merciful Creator, hear us;
In tender pity bow Thine ear:
Accept the tearful prayer we raise
In this our fast of forty days.

Each heart is manifest to Thee;
Thou knowest our infirmity:
Repentant now we seek Thy face;
Impart to us Thy pardoning grace.

Our sins are manifold and sore,
But spare Thou them who sin deplore;
For Thine own Name's sake make whole
The fainting and the weary soul.

Grant us to mortify each sense
By means of outward abstinence,
That so from every stain of sin
The soul may keep her fast within.

Blest Three in One, Blest Unity
Almighty God, we pray to Thee,
That Thou wouldst now bless
Our fast with fruits of righteousness.

INTROITUS

REMINISCERE MISERATIONUM

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

ΕΠΤΑΠΙΣΕ ΗΥΜΝ

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and pray,
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, And did the vic - t'ry win,
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas-sion - tide,
5. A - bide with us that when this life Of suf - fer - ing is past,



1. Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
2. O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con-quer sin.
3. To die to self, and al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.
4. For - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
5. An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

GENESIS 12:1-4A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22



Lord, let your mer - cy be on us, as we put our trust in you.

SECOND READING

II TIMOTHY 1:8B-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CF. MATTHEW 17:5



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

GOSPEL

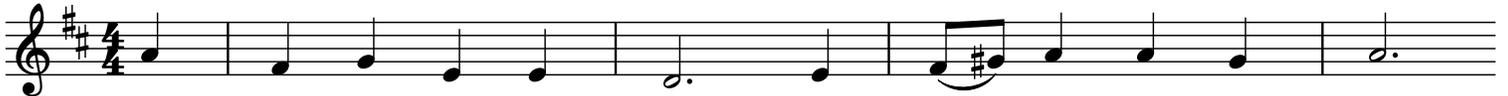
MATTHEW 17:1-9

HOMILY

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN DURING THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS

'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your beau - ty to be - hold,
3. Ful - fil - ler of the past! Pro - mise of things to be!
4. Be - fore we taste of death, We see your king - dom come;
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



1. Your face and gar - ments, like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
2. Where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
3. We hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied, And our re - demp - tion see.
4. We long to hold the vi - sion bright, And make this hill our home.
5. But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

SANCTUS

CHANT MASS



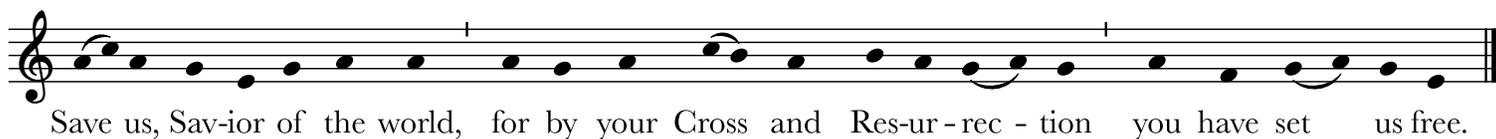
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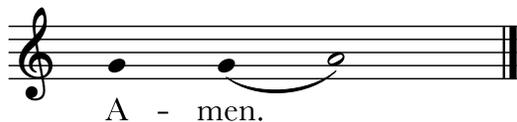
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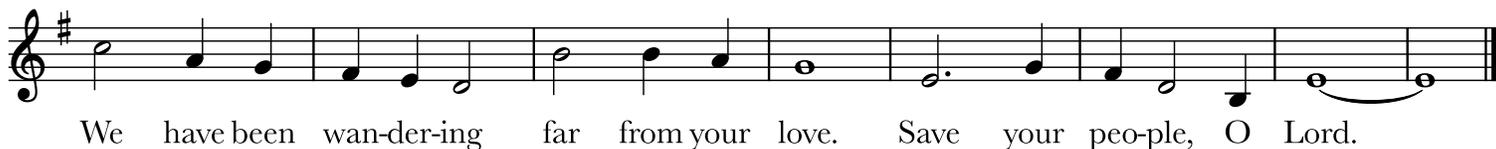
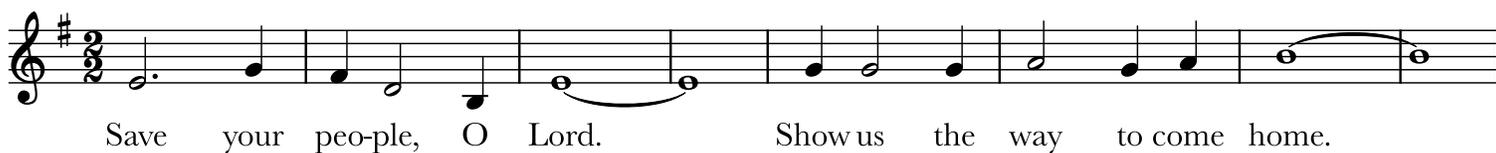


COMMUNION ANTIPHON

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him

COMMUNION HYMN

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE

1. One thing I ask, O Lord, this I seek: to dwell for - ev - er in your house,
2. For you will hide me in the shel-ter of your wings and from the ar - rows of my foes.
3. Lis - ten, O Lord, to the sound of my call, for I ack - now - ledge my of - fense.
4. Thus will I bless you all the days of my life. Lift-ing my hands, I call your name:



1. that I may gaze on your love - li - ness all the days of my life.
2. You set me high on a moun-tain-top, saved me from my dis - tress.
3. Wash me and I shall be pur - i - fied. I shall be whit-er than snow.
4. "O Lord, re - mem-ber your in - her - i - tance. Save your peo-ple, O Lord!"



1. Je - sus, on the moun-tain peak, stands a - lone in glo - ry blaz - ing.
 2. Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E - li - jah speak-ing.
 3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God, pro-claim-ing in its thun - der,



1. Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and an - gels Prais - ing.
 2. All the proph-ets and the law shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
 3. Je - sus as the Son by name! Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:



Praise and glo - ry, praise and glo - ry, praise and glo - ry to our Lord!

FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

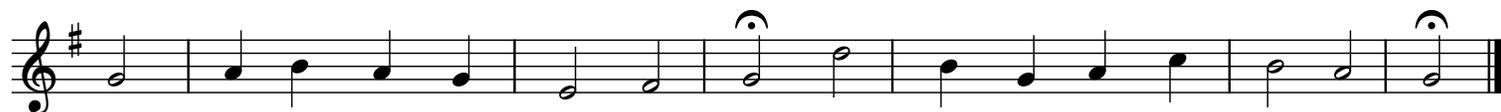
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

ABRAHAM, WHEN SEVERELY TRIED



1. A - bra-ham, when sev - ere - ly tried, His faith by his o - be - dience showed;
 2. His son the fa - ther of - fered up. Son of his age, his on - ly son;
 3. Oh, for a faith like his, that we The bright ex - am - ple may pur - sue;
 4. Je - sus, ac - cept our sac - ri - fice; All things for thee we count but loss:
 5. For what to thee, O Lord, we give, A hun-dred-fold we here ob - tain;



1. He with the harsh com - mand com - plies, And gave his I - saac back to God.
 2. Ob - ject of all his joy and hope. And less be-loved than God a - lone.
 3. May glad - ly give up all to thee, To whom our more than all is due.
 4. Lo! at thy word our i - dol dies; Dies on the al - tar of thy cross.
 5. And soon with thee shall all re - ceive, And loss shall be e - ter - nal gain.

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III SUNDAY OF LENT

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PRELUDE CHANT

ATTENDE DOMINE

Attende, Domine, et miserere,
quia peccavimus tibi.

Ad te Rex summe, omnium redemptor,
oculos nostros sublevamus flentes:
exaudi, Christe, supplicantium preces.

Dextera Patris, lapis angularis,
via salutis, ianua caelestis,
ablue nostri maculas delicti.

Rogamus, Deus, tuam maiestatem:
auribus sacris gemitus exaudi:
crimina nostra placidus indulge.

Tibi fatemur crimina admissa:
contrito corde pandimus occulta:
tua Redemptor, pietas ignoscat.

Innocens captus, nec repugnans ductus,
testibus falsis pro impiis damnatus:
quos redemisti, tu conserva, Christe.

Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy,
Because we have sinned against Thee.

To Thee, highest King, Redeemer of all,
We lift up our eyes in weeping:
Hear, O Christ, the prayers of your servants.

Right hand of the Father, Cornerstone,
Way of salvation, gate of heaven,
Wash away our stains of sin.

We beseech Thee, God, in Thy great majesty:
Hear our groans with Thy holy ears:
Calmly forgive our crimes.

To Thee we confess our sins admitted
With a contrite heart we reveal the things hidden:
By Thy kindness, O Redeemer, overlook them.

The Innocent, seized, not refusing to be led;
Condemned by false accounts of impious men
Those whom Thou hast redeemed, save, O Christ.

INTROITUS

OCULI MEI

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

ENTRANCE HYMN

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e - brate with songs of praise;
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing God who gave the law;
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered from the li - ons' might;
4. Then grant, O God, that we may be, too, Con - sumed in fast and pray'r with you;



1. For Christ, by whom all things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2. And to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. And John, the Bride - groom's friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. Our spir - its strength - en with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.

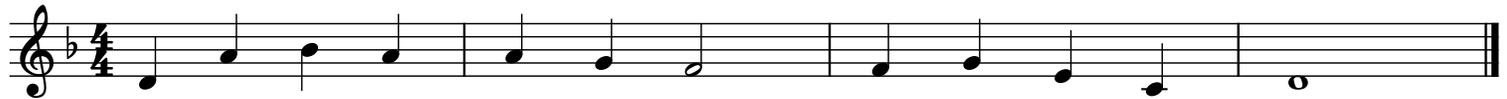
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

EXODUS 17:3-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9



If to - day you hear his voice, hard - en not your hearts.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CF. JOHN 4:42, 15



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

GOSPEL

JOHN 4:5-42

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN DURING THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS

AGAIN THE TIME APPOINTED SEE



1. A - gain the time ap - point - ed see, That calls for fast and sigh;
2. But vain all out - ward form of grief, And vain the word of prayer,
3. Then let us to the Lord draw near, With tears that con - trite flow;
4. O ho - ly Judge, O Christ, re - lent, Thine arm up - lift - ed stay;



1. Let priest and peo - ple bend the knee And loud for mer - cy cry.
2. Un - less the heart de - sire re - lief, And pen - i - tence be there.
3. By rev - er - ence and god - ly fear, We may es - cape the woe.
4. And grant a sea - son to re - pent, A time in which to pray.

SANCTUS

CHANT MASS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



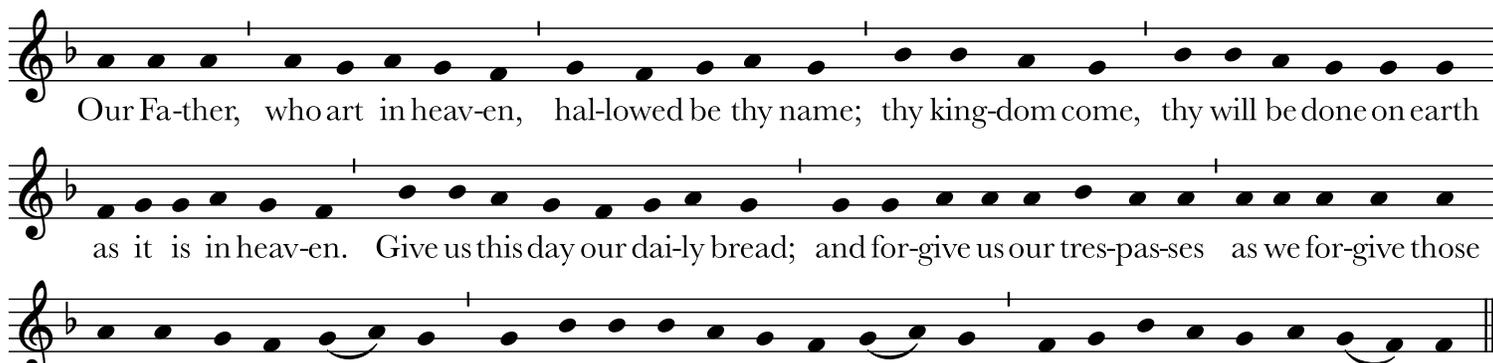
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Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec - tion you have set us free.

AMEN

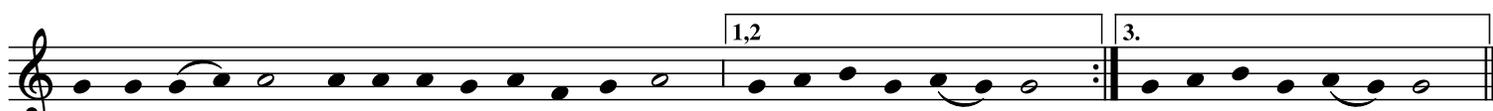
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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

THE SPARROW FINDS A HOME

COMMUNION HYMN

GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

Verses



1. God of mer - cy and com - pas - sion, Look with pit - y up - on me.
2. By my sins I have a - ban-doned Right and claim to Heav'n a - bove,
3. See our Sav - ior, bleed-ing, dy - ing, On the cross of Cal - va - ry;



1. Fa - ther, let me call Thee Fa - ther, 'Tis Thy child re-turms to Thee.
2. Where the saints re - joice for - ev - er, In a bound-less sea of love.
3. To that cross my sins have nailed Him, Yet He bleeds and dies for me.

Refrain



Je - sus, Lord, I ask for mer - cy; Let me not im - plore in vain;



All my sins I now de - test them, Nev - er will I sin a - gain.

MEDITATION

LED BY THE SPIRIT



1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and pray
2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to face,
3. Led by the spir - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re - birth



1. With Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we join his pas - chal way.
2. And know full well we must re - ly on God's re - deem - ing grace.
3. With hearts that long to wor - ship God in spir - it and in truth.



1. "Rend not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn back your lives to me."
2. On bread a - lone we can - not live, but nour - ished by the Word
3. "Who - ev - er drinks the drink I give shall nev - er thirst a - gain."



1. Thus says our kind and gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.
2. We seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and food.
3. Thus says the Lord who died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

ALL MANKIND FELL IN ADAM'S FALL



1. All man - kind fell in A - dam's fall; one com - mon sin in - fects us all.
2. But Christ, the se - cond A - dam, came to bear our sin and woe and shame,
3. As by one man all man - kind fell and, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
4. We thank you, Christ; new life is ours, new light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.



1. From one to all the curse des - cends, and o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
2. to be our life, our light, our way, our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.
3. so by one Man, who took our place, we all were jus - ti - fied by grace.
4. This grace our ev - 'ry way at - tend un - til we reach our jour - ney's end.

SAINT JOSEPH BOSCO PARISH OF BRANFORD

IV SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15TH 2026 — LAETARE SUNDAY

* MAR 20TH — SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY *

PRELUDE

I CALL TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST, BWV 639, J. S. BACH (1685-1750)

INTROITUS

LAETARE JERUSALEM

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

ENTRANCE HYMN

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined by the fall;



1. Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.
2. true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
3. if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.



I will rise and go to Je - sus! He'll em - brace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, Oh, there are ten thou - sand charms.

KYRIE ELEISON



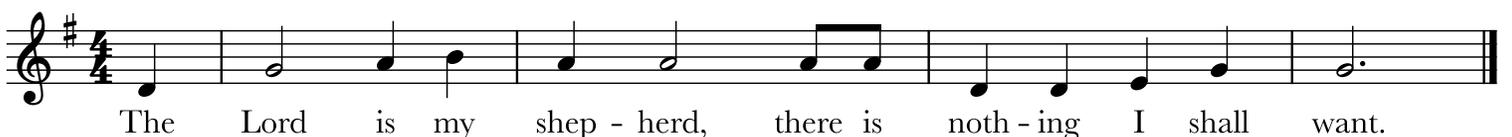
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

I SAMUEL 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6





Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

GOSPEL

JOHN 9:1-41

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN DURING THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS

AMAZING GRACE


1. A - maz-ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come:
4. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se - cures;



1. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. how pre-hascious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3. 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. he will my shield and por - tion. be as long as life en - dures.

SANCTUS

CHAPEL MASS



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SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

MISSA XVIII

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JERUSALEM, BUILT AS A CITY

Jerusalem, built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

Verses

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low Je - sus.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je - sus.
3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je - sus.

1. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
2. Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path, And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
3. When we have run with pa - tience the race, We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



1. Hail, ho - ly Jo - seph, hail! Chaste spouse of Mar - y hail!
 2. Hail, ho - ly Jo - seph, hail! Prince of the house of God!
 3. Hail, ho - ly Jo - seph, hail! God's choice were you a - lone!
 4. Hail, ho - ly Jo - seph, hail! Teach us our flesh to tame,



1. Pure as the li - ly flow'r In E - den's peace - ful vale.
 2. May His best gra - ces be By thy sweet hands bes - towed.
 3. To thee the Word made flesh, Was sub - ject as a Son.
 4. And, Mar - y, keep the hearts That love thy hus - band's name.

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's
 For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ures of our mind, And the heart of the E -



jus-tice, Which is more than li - ber - ty. There's a wel-come for the sin-ner And more
 ter-nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more sim-ple We should



gra - ces for the good. There is mer - cy with the Sav-ior There is heal-ing in his blood.
 take him at his word, And our lives would be thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

SAINT JOHN BOSCO PARISH OF BRADFORD

REV. RYAN M. LERNER, PASTOR

REV. MSGR. DAVID M. WALKER, RETIRED

SAINT JOHN BOSCO PARISH OF BRANFORD

V SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22ND 2026

PRELUDE CHANT

DE PROFUNDIS CLAMAVI AD TE, DOMINE

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine;
Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

Out of the depths I call to you, Lord;
Lord, hear my prayer.

Fiant aures tuae intendentes
in orationem servitui.

May your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

Si iniquitates observaveris,
Domine, Domine, quis sustinebit?

If you, Lord, mark iniquities,
Lord, who can stand?

INTROITUS

IUDICA ME, DEUS

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

ENTRANCE HYMN

THOU LOVING MAKER OF MANKIND

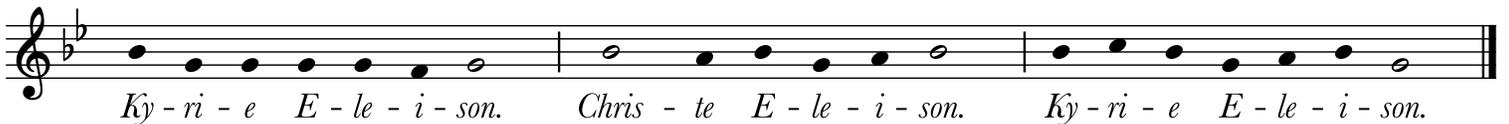


1. Thou lov - ing Mak - er of man-kind, Be - fore Thy throne we pray and weep;
2. Much we have sinned, but we con - fess Our guilt and all our faults de - plore:
3. And grant us, while by fasts we strive This mor - tal bo - dy to con - trol,
4. Great Judge of hearts, Thou dost dis - cern Our ills, and all our weak - ness know;



1. En - a - ble us with grace di - vine, This sa - cred Lent a - right to keep!
2. And, for the glo - ry of Thy Name, Our faint - ing souls to health re - store.
3. To fast from all the food of sin, And so to pur - i - fy the soul.
4. A - gain to Thee with tears we turn, A - gain to us Thy mer - cy show.

KYRIE ELEISON



Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son. Chris - te E - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 37:12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8



With the Lord there is mer - cy and full - ness of re - demp - tion.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 11:25A-26

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

GOSPEL

JOHN 11:1-45

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN DURING THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS

O GRACIOUS LORD, CREATOR DEAR

1. O gra-cious Lord, Cre - a - tor dear, In mer - cy lend a pity-ing ear
 2. Thou who our se - cret thoughts canst trace And knowst the frail - ty of our race
 3. Dark is our guilt and great our shame; But, for the glo - ry of Thy Name,
 4. Grant us by ho - ly asb - ti - nence To mor - ti - fy each car - nal sense,

1. Un - to the mourn - ful pray'r we pour In this our sol - emn Lent - en hour.
 2. Like wan - d'ring sheep we went as - tray Oh, take us back, we meek - ly pray.
 3. For - give the wick - ed - ness we own, And heal the wounds for which we groan.
 4. That so our souls, from sin set free, May rise all - ho - ly un - to Thee.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

SANCTUS

MISSA XVIII

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COMMUNION HYMN

MARtha, MARY, WAITING, WEEPING

Mar-tha, Mar - y, wait - ing, weep - ing, bowed be-neath the weight of gloom,
 Je - sus spoke to Mar-tha's griev - ing, "Res - ur - rec - tion, Life, am I!
 Je - sus, res - ur - rect - ed, giv - ing life to all you name your own:
 kept their watch where Laz - 'rus, sleep - ing, lay with - in a rock - sealed tomb.
 All who hear my Word, be - liev - ing, live with me, al - though they die."
 Help us know in hours of griev - ing we have not been left a - lone.
 Je - sus, late in com - ing, met them, shed with them com - pas - sion's tear.
 Then to Laz - 'rus tomb he led them, called their broth - er forth by name.
 Come, when doubt and fear as - sail us; join our jour - ney toward the grave.
 Mar - tha, sore with sor - row charged him, "He'd have lived had you been here!"
 Liv - ing, lov - ing, hope ex - ceed - ing, freed from death, to Christ he came.
 There your mer - cy will not fail us; there you speak with pow'r to save.



1. We rise a-gain from ash - es, from the good we've failed to do.
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we of - fer you at - tempts.
3. Then raise us up from ash - es, your heal - ing ease our pain.



1. We rise a - gain from ash-es, re - deemed, O Lord, by you.
2. the gifts not ful - ly giv-en, the dreams not ful - ly dreamt.
3. Though spring has turned to win-ter, and sun - shine turned to rain,



1. Our pen - ance, Lord, our sor - row, our griev - ing hearts re - new,
2. Our stum - blings, give di - rec - tion, our vi - sions wid - er view,
3. your rain will nur - ture grow - ing and cre - ate our world a - new,



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RECESSIONAL HYMN

FROM THE DEPTHS WE CRY TO THEE



1. From the depths we cry to thee, God of sov - 'reign ma - jes - ty!
2. Gra - cious God, our hearts re - new; Strength-en us thy will to do.
3. Lord, ac - cept our Len - ten fast And for - give our sin - ful past,



1. Hear our prayers and hymns of praise; Bless our Lent of for - ty days.
2. Wash us, make us pure with - in; Cleanse us from the stain of sin.
3. That we may par - take with thee In the Eas - ter mys - ter - y.

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PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29TH 2026

ΕΠΤΡΑΠΣΕ ΑΠΤΙΡΗΟΠ

SIX DAYS BEFORE THE PASSOVER

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 21:1-11

ΕΠΤΡΑΠΣΕ ΗΥΜΝ

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re - deem - er King!



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Verses



1. You are the King of Is - ra - el, And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went:
4. To you be - fore your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise:



1. Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
2. And mor - tals, joined with all things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
3. Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
4. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24



My God, my God, why have you a - ban - doned me?

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

N. – Narrator

V. – Voice

C. – Crowd

† – Christ

N. One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

V. “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?”

N: They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said,

V. “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

N. He said,

† “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The teacher says, “My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.”’”

N. The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve.

And while they were eating, he said,

† “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”

N. Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another,

V. “Surely it is not I, Lord?”

N. He said in reply,

† “He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me.

The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”

N. Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply,

V. “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?”

N. He answered,

† “You have said so.”

N. While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said,

† “Take and eat; this is my body.”

N. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

† “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of

many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.”

N. Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, † “This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed;*

but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee.”

N. Peter said to him in reply,

V. “Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.”

N. Jesus said to him,

† “Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

N. Peter said to him,

V. “Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you.”

N. And all the disciples spoke likewise. Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

† “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

N. He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress.

Then he said to them,

† “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.”

N. He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying,

† “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.”

N. When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter,

† “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

N. Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again,

† “My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!”

N. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open.

He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, † “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

N. While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, V. “The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him.”

N. Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, V. “Hail, Rabbi!”

N. and he kissed him. Jesus answered him, † “Friend, do what you have come for.”

N. Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to him, † “Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?”

N. At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, † “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

N. Then all the disciples left him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated,

C. “This man said, ‘I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.’”

N. The high priest rose and addressed him, V. “Have you no answer?”

What are these men testifying against you?”

N. But Jesus was silent.

Then the high priest said to him,

V. “I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

N. Jesus said to him in reply,

† “You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see ‘the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power’ and ‘coming on the clouds of heaven.’”

N. Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

V. “He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?”

N. They said in reply,

C. “He deserves to die!”

N. Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying,

C. “Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?”

N. Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said,

C. “You too were with Jesus the Galilean.”

N. But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,

V. “I do not know what you are talking about!”

N. As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there,

C. “This man was with Jesus the Nazorean”

N. Again he denied it with an oath,

V. “I do not know the man!”

N. A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter,

C. “Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away.”

N. At that he began to curse and to swear,

V. “I do not know the man.”

N. And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: “Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.” He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, V. "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." N. They said,

C. "What is that to us? Look to it yourself."

N. Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

C. "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood."

N. After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, *And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.*

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him,

V. "Are you the king of the Jews?"

N. Jesus said, † "You say so."

N. And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer.

Then Pilate said to him,

V. "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"

N. But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was

accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

V. "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"

N. For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over.

While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message,

V. "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him."

N. The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus.

The governor said to them in reply,

V. "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

N. They answered,

C. "Barabbas!"

N. Pilate said to them,

V. "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

N. They all said,

C. "Let him be crucified!"

N. But he said,

V. "Why? What evil has he done?"

N. They only shouted the louder,

C. "Let him be crucified!"

N. When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying,

V. "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."

N. And the whole people said in reply,

C. "His blood be upon us and upon our children."

N. Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

C. "Hail, King of the Jews!"

N. They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha

—which means Place of the Skull —,
they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall.
But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink.
After they had crucified him, they divided his
garments by casting lots; then they sat down and
kept watch over him there.

And they placed over his head the written charge
against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.
Two revolutionaries were crucified with him,
one on his right and the other on his left.
Those passing by reviled him, shaking their
heads and saying,

**C. “You who would destroy the temple
and rebuild it in three days, save yourself,
if you are the Son of God, and come down
from the cross!”**

N. Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and
elders mocked him and said,

**C. “He saved others; he cannot save
himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him
come down from the cross now, and we
will believe in him. He trusted in God;
let him deliver him now if he wants him.
For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”**

N. The revolutionaries who were crucified with
him also kept abusing him in the same way.
From noon onward, darkness came over the
whole land until three in the afternoon.

And about three o'clock

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

† “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*”

N. which means,

† “My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?”

N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

C. “This one is calling for Elijah.”

N. Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge;
he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed,
gave it to him to drink. But the rest said,

**C. “Wait, let us see if Elijah
comes to save him.”**

N. But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice,
and gave up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary
was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth
quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened,
and the bodies of many saints who had fallen
asleep were raised. And coming forth from their
tombs after his resurrection, they entered the
holy city and appeared to many. The centurion
and the men with him who were keeping watch
over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the
earthquake and all that was happening,
and they said,

C. “Truly, this was the Son of God!”

N. There were many women there, looking on
from a distance, who had followed Jesus from
Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were
Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James
and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of
Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a
rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who
was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate
and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate
ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body,
Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his
new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he
rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the
tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and
the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the
tomb. The next day, the one following the day of
preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees
gathered before Pilate and said,

**C. “Sir, we remember that this impostor
while still alive said, ‘After three days I
will be raised up.’ Give orders, then, that
the grave be secured until the third day,
lest his disciples come and steal him and
say to the people, ‘He has been raised
from the dead.’ This last imposture would
be worse than the first.”**

N. Pilate said to them,

V. “The guard is yours;
go, secure it as best you can.”

N. So they went and secured the tomb by fixing
a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN DURING THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS

O SACRED HEAD, SURROUNDED



1. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn! O bleed - ing Head,
2. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of me With your most kind



1. so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn! The pow'r of death comes o'er you,
2. com - pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I be: Be - neath your cross a - bid - ing,



1. The glow of life de - cays, Yet an - gel hosts a - dore you, And trem - ble as they gaze.
2. For - ev - er would I rest, In your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pre - sence blest.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

SANCTUS

MISSA XVIII



Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.



Ple - ni sunt cae - li et te - rra glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.



Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni. Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CHANT MASS



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

AMEN

CHANT MASS



A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name; thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pas-ses as we for-give those
 who tres-pass a-against us; and lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion but de-liv-er us from ev - il.

AGNUS DEI

MISSA XVIII

Ag-nus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di, mi-se-re-re no - bis, do-na no-bis pa - cem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

FATHER, IF THIS CHALICE CANNOT PASS

COMMUNION HYMN

IN MONTE OLIVETI

In mon-te O - li - ve - ti o - ra - vit ad Pa - trem: Pa - ter si fi - e-ri
 On the Mount of O - lives he prayed to the Fa - ther: Fa-ther if it be
po - test trans - e-at a me ca - lix i - ste. Spi - ri-tus qui-dem promp-tus
 pos-si - ble let this cha-lice pass from me. Will-ing in - deed the Spir - it
est, ca - ro au-tem in - fir - ma: fi - at vo - lun - tas tu - a!
 is, but the flesh is weak: Thy will be done, Thy will be done!

COMMUNION HYMN II

ADORAMUS TE, CHRISTE

A-do-ra-mus te Chris-te, et be-ne-di-ci-mus ti - bi: A-do-ra-mus te Chris-te, et be-ne-di-ci-mus
 ti - bi, qui - a per san-ctam Cru-cem tu-am re - de-mis-ti mun-dum. A-do-ra-mus te Chris-te.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and bless Thee, because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there when they
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they
 3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they



1. cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! _____ Some - times it cau - ses me to trem - ble,
 2. nailed him to the tree? Oh! _____ Some - times is cau - ses me to trem - ble,
 3. laid him in the tomb? Oh! _____ Some - times it cau - ses me to trem - ble,



1. trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2. trem - ble, trem - ble, Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3. trem - ble, trem - ble Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Heavenly Father, You have created us for a definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for each of us in this life, and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make my parish, my home and my heart fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. May our young men respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among them a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. We make our prayer for priestly vocations to You, Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Saint Joseph, Patron of our Archdiocese, pray for us. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

1. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the tribes hos - an - na cry.
 2. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die.
 3. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel ar - mies of the sky
 4. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and fierc - est strife is nigh.
 5. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die.



1. O Sav - ior meek, pur - sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments stowed.
 2. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 3. look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes to see the a - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 4. The Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
 5. Bow your meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O God, your pow'r and reign.

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HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 2ND 2026

PRELUDE

MEDITAZIONE SOPRA UBI CARITAS, C. FERRARI

INTROITUS

POS AUTEM GLORIANI

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

ENTRANCE HYMN

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS



Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.



1. Each new - born serv-ant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
2. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, Your death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
3. So shall our song of tri-umph ev - er be: Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

GLORIA

HERITAGE MASS



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you,



we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God,



Heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;



You take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther,



have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One; you a-lone are the Lord. You a-lone are the



Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God, the Fa - ther. A - men.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-8, 11-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18



Our bless-ing cup is a com - mun - ion with the blood of Christ.

SECOND READING

I CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 13:34



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

GOSPEL

JOHN 13:1-15

HOMILY

THE WASHING OF THE FEET

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN DURING THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS

WHERE LOVE IS FOUND

Refrain



Where char - i - ty and love are found, there will the face of God be seen.



The love of Christ will bind our hearts; as one bod - y we will be.

Verses



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre -vail, There God is ev - er found;
2. With grate-ful joy and ho -ly fear God's char - i - ty we learn;
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults As we our faults con - fess;
4. Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells God's be - got - ten Son;



1. Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
2. Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love God in re - turn.
3. And let us love each oth - er well In Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
4. As mem-bers of his bod - y joined, We are in Christ made one.

Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.
 Ple - ni sunt cae - li et te - rra glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.
 Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni. Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CHAINT MASS

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

AGNVS DEI

MissA XVIII

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no - bis, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

COMMUNION HYMN I

UBI CARITAS

1. U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, De - us i - bi est. Con - gre - ga - vit nos in u - num Chris - ti a - mor.
 2. U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, De - us i - bi est. Si - mul er - go cum in u - num con - gre - ga - mur:
 3. U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, De - us i - bi est. Si - mul quo - que cum be - a - tis vi - de - a - mus,
 1. Ex - sul - te - mus, et in ip - so iu - cun - de - mur. Ti - me - a - mus, et a - me - mus
 2. Ne nos men - te di - vi - da - mur, ca - ve - a - mus. Ces - sent iur - gi - a ma - lig - na,
 3. Glo - ri - an - ter vul - tum tu - um, Chris - te De - us: Gau - di - um quod est im - men - sum,
 1. De - um vi - vum. Et ex cor - de di - li - ga - mus nos sin - ce - ro.
 2. ces - sent li - tes. Et in me - dio nos - tri sit Chris - tus De - us.
 3. at - que pro - bum, Sae - cu - la per in - fi - ni - ta sae - cu - lo - rum.

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with true hearts.

Where charity and love are, God is there. As we are into one body gathered, Beware, lest we be divided in mind. Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease, And may Christ our God be in our midst.

Where charity and love are, God is there. And may we with the saints also, See Thy face in glory, O Christ our God. The joy that is immense and good, Unto the ages through infinite ages. Amen.



1. Let us ev - er glo - ry in the cross of Christ, our sal - va - tion and our hope.
2. Let us make our jour - ney to the cross of Christ, who sur - ren - dered glo - ry and grace
3. Let us tell the sto - ry of the cross of Christ as we share this heav - en - ly feast.



1. Let us bow in hom - age to the Lord of Life, who was bro - ken to make us whole.
2. to be - come a serv - ant of the great and small, that all peo - ple may know God's face.
3. We be - come one bod - y in the blood of Christ, from the great to the ver - y least.



1. There is no great - er love, as bless - ed as this: to lay down one's life for a friend.
2. Though his birth was di - vine, he knelt as a slave, to wash com - mon dust from our feet.
3. When we eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, we hon - or the death of the Lord.



Let us ev - er glo - ry in the cross of Christ and the tri - umph of God's great love.

TRANSFER OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sing, tongue, the mystery of the glorious
Body and of the precious Blood, which, for
the price of the world, the fruit of a noble
Womb, the King of the Nations poured out.

Given to us, born for us, from the untouched
Virgin, and dwelt in the world after
the seed of the Word had been sown,
He ended his stay here in marvelous fashion.

At Supper on that last night, reclining with
His brethren, having fully observed the Law
with the prescribed foods, as food to the
Twelve He gives Himself with His hands.

The Word as Flesh makes true bread into
flesh by a word and the wine becomes the
Blood of Christ. And if sense is deficient to
strengthen a true heart, Faith alone suffices.

Thus, such great Sacrament let us adore
and prostrate: and let the old Covenant
give way to a new rite. Let faith stand forth
as substitute when our feeble senses fall.

To the Begetter and the Begotten be praise
and jubilation, greeting, honor, strength
also and blessing. To the One who proceeds
from Both be equal praise. Amen. Alleluia.

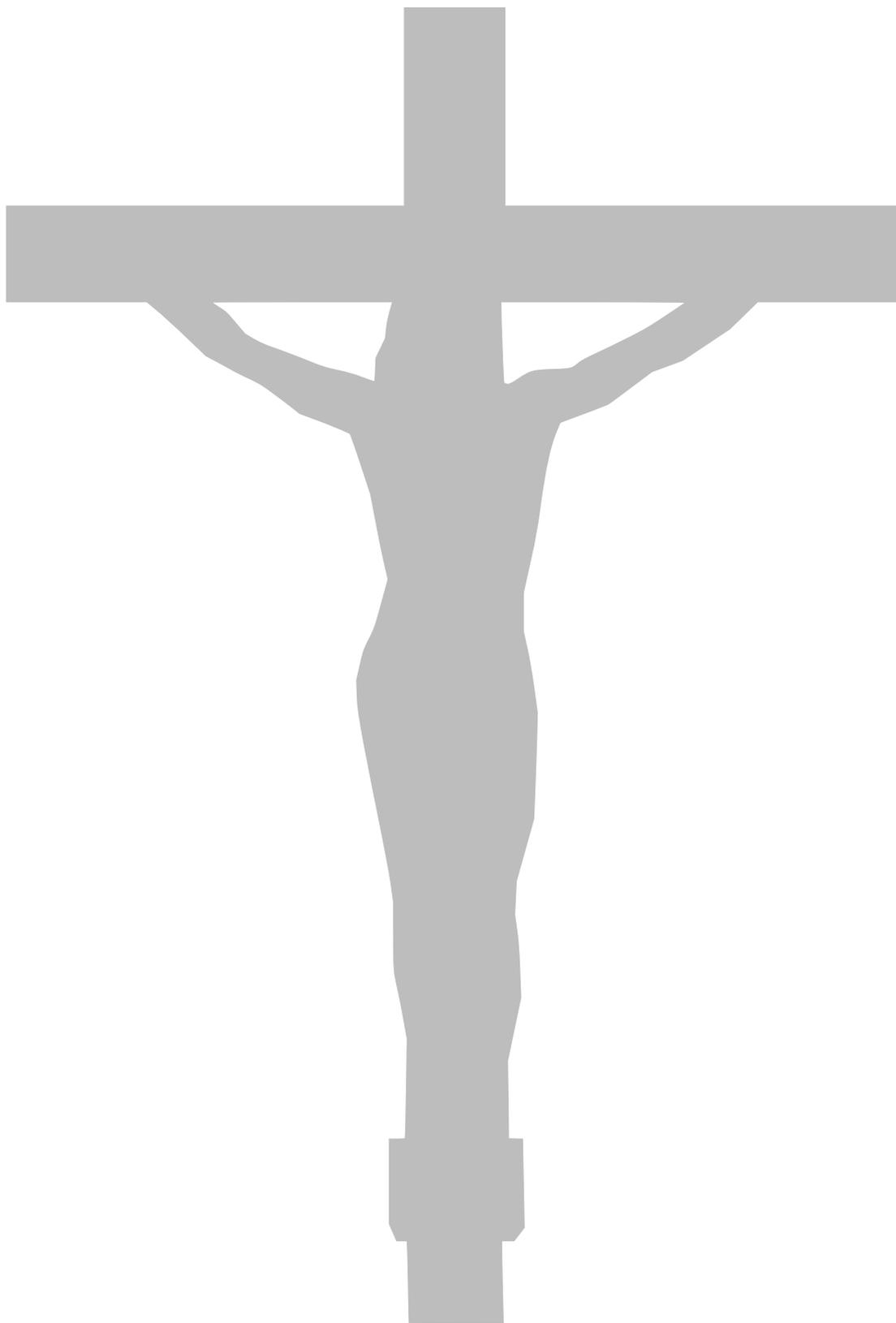
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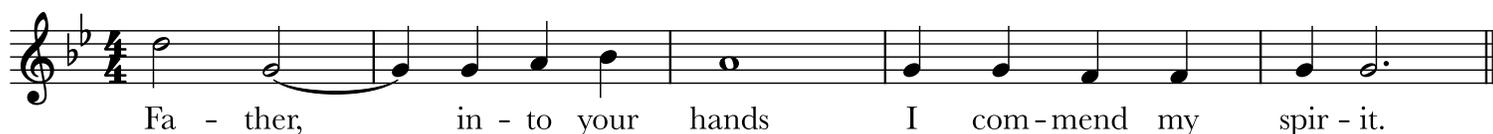
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

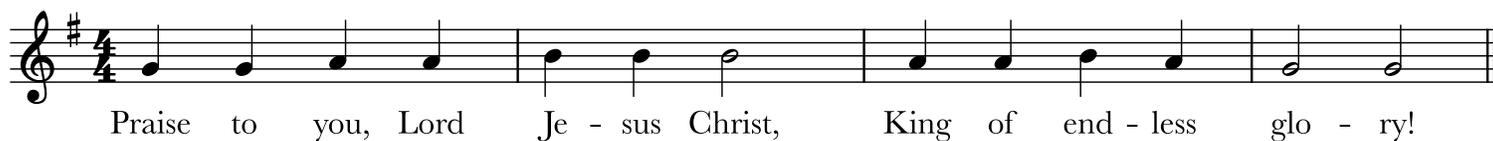


SECOND READING

HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9



THE PASSION OF THE LORD

JOHN 18:1-19:42

N. – Narrator

V. – Voice

C. – Crowd

† – Christ

N. Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them,

† “Whom are you looking for?”

N. They answered him,

C. “Jesus the Nazorean.”

N. He said to them,

† “I AM.”

N. Judas his betrayer was also with them.

When he said to them,

† “I AM,”

N. they turned away and fell to the ground.

So he again asked them,

† “Whom are you looking for?”

N. They said,

C. “Jesus the Nazorean.”

N. Jesus answered,

† “I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.”

N. This was to fulfill what he had said, “I have not lost any of those you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

† “Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?”

N. So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in.

Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter,

C. “You are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?”

N. He said,

V. “I am not.”

N. Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm. The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him,

† “I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.”

N. When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said,

V. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?”

N. Jesus answered him,

† “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?”

N. Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him,

C. “You are not one of his disciples, are you?”

N. He denied it and said,

V. “I am not.”

N. One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

C. “Didn’t I see you in the garden with him?”

N. Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed. Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that

they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said,

V. “What charge do you bring against this man?”

N. They answered and said to him,

C. “If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.”

N. At this, Pilate said to them,

V. “Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law.”

N. The Jews answered him,

C. “We do not have the right to execute anyone,”

N. in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him,

V. “Are you the King of the Jews?”

N. Jesus answered,

† “Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?”

N. Pilate answered,

V. “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

N. Jesus answered,

† “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.”

N. So Pilate said to him,

V. “Then you are a king?”

N. Jesus answered,

† “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

N. Pilate said to him,

V. “What is truth?”

N. When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them,

V. "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

N. They cried out again,

C. "Not this one but Barabbas!"

N. Now Barabbas was a revolutionary. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said,

C. "Hail, King of the Jews!"

N. And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them,

V. "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him."

N. So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them,

V. "Behold, the man!"

N. When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out,

C. "Crucify him, crucify him!"

N. Pilate said to them,

V. "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him."

N. The Jews answered,

C. "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

N. Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus,

V. "Where are you from?"

N. Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him,

V. "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?"

N. Jesus answered him,

† "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

N. Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out,

C. "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

N. When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews,

V. "Behold, your king!"

N. They cried out,

C. "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!"

N. Pilate said to them,

V. "Shall I crucify your king?"

N. The chief priests answered,

C. "We have no king but Caesar."

N. Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

C. "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews'."

N. Pilate answered,

V. "What I have written, I have written."

N. When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a

share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another,

C. “Let’s not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,”

N. in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: *They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.* This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother,

† “Woman, behold, your son.”

N. Then he said to the disciple,

† “Behold, your mother.”

N. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said,

† “I thirst.”

N. There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,

† “It is finished.”

N. And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: *Not a bone of it will be broken.* And again another passage says: *They will look upon him whom they have pierced.* After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body.

Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

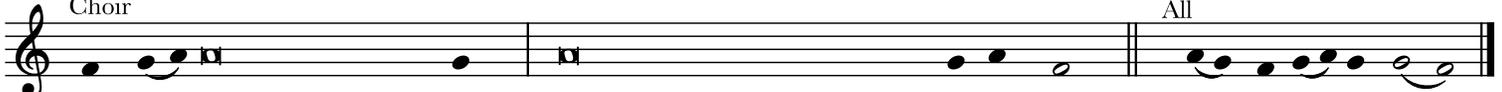
THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THE SHOWING OF THE HOLY CROSS

BEHOLD THE WOOD OF THE CROSS

Choir



All

Be-hold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world. Come, let us a-dore.

Crucem tuam adoramus, Domine,
et sanctam resurrectionem tuam
laudamus et glorificamus:
ecce enim propter lignum venit
Gaudium in universo mundo.

We adore Thy Cross, O Lord,
and we praise and glorify Thy
holy Resurrection for behold, by
the wood of the Cross joy has
come into the whole world.

HYMN DURING ADORATION

STABAT MATER



1. Sta - bat Ma - ter do - lo - ro - sa, jux - ta cru - cem la - cri - mo - sa,
2. Cu - ius a - ni - mam ge - men - tem, con - tris - ta - tam et do - len - tem
3. O quam tris - tis et af - flic - ta fu - it il - la be - ne - dic - ta,
4. Quan - do cor - pus mo - ri - e - tur, fac, ut a - ni - mae do - ne - tur



1. dum pen - de - bat Fi - li - us, dum pen - de - bat Fi - li - us.
2. per - tran - si - vit gla - di - us, per - tran - si - vit gla - di - us.
3. ma - ter U - ni - ge - ni - ti! ma - ter U - ni - ge - ni - ti!
4. pa - ra - di - si glo - ri - a. A - men, a - men, a - men.

The sorrowful mother was standing beside the Cross weeping, while the Son was hanging.
Through whose moaning soul, depressed and grieving, the sword has passed.
O how sad and stricken was that blessed woman, mother of the Only-begotten one!
When the body will decay, grant that it may be bestowed on my soul the glory of paradise.

ADORATION MEDITATION

WHAT A SEA OF TEARS



1. What a sea of tears and sor - rows Did the soul of Mar - y toss
2. Oh, that mourn - ful Vir - gin Moth - er, See her tears how fast they flow
3. Oft, and oft His Arms and Bos - om, Fond - ly strain - ing to her own;
4. Gen - tle Moth - er, we be - seech thee, By thy tears and trou - bles sore;



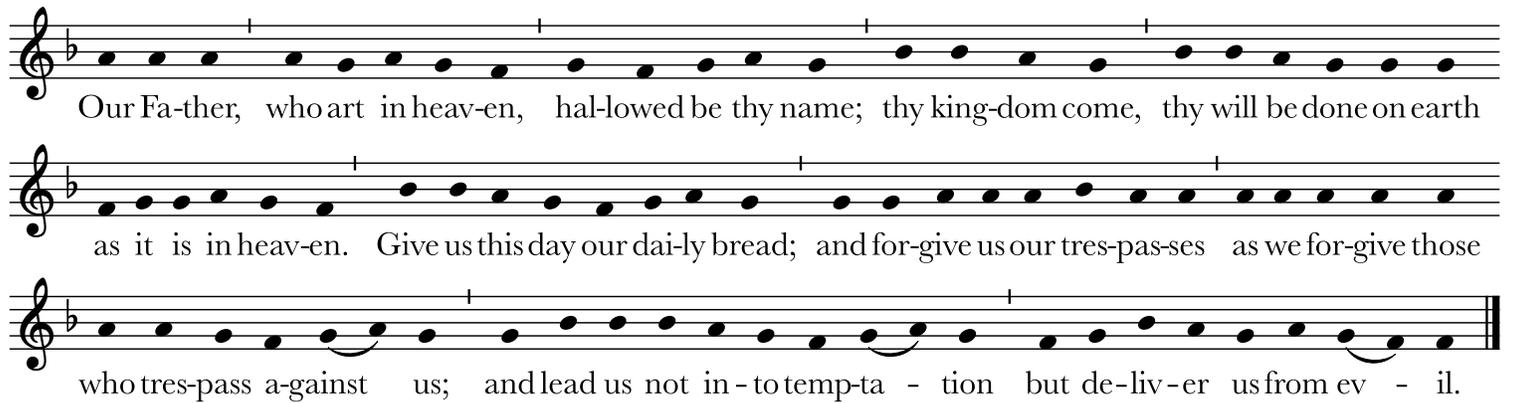
1. To and fro up - on its bil - lows While she wept her bit - ter loss;
2. Down up - on His man - gled Bod - y Wound - ed Side and thorn - y Brow;
3. Oft, her pal - lid lips im - print - ing On each Wound of her dear Son:
4. By the death of thy dear Off - spring, By the blood - y Wounds He bore;



1. In her arms her Je - sus hold - ing, Torn so new - ly from the Cross.
2. While His Hands and Feet she kis - ses, Pic - ture of im - mor - tal woe.
3. Till at last in swoons of an - guish, Sense and cons - ci - ous - ness are gone.
4. Touch our hearts with that true sor - row Which af - fect - ed thee of yore.

HOLY COMMUNION

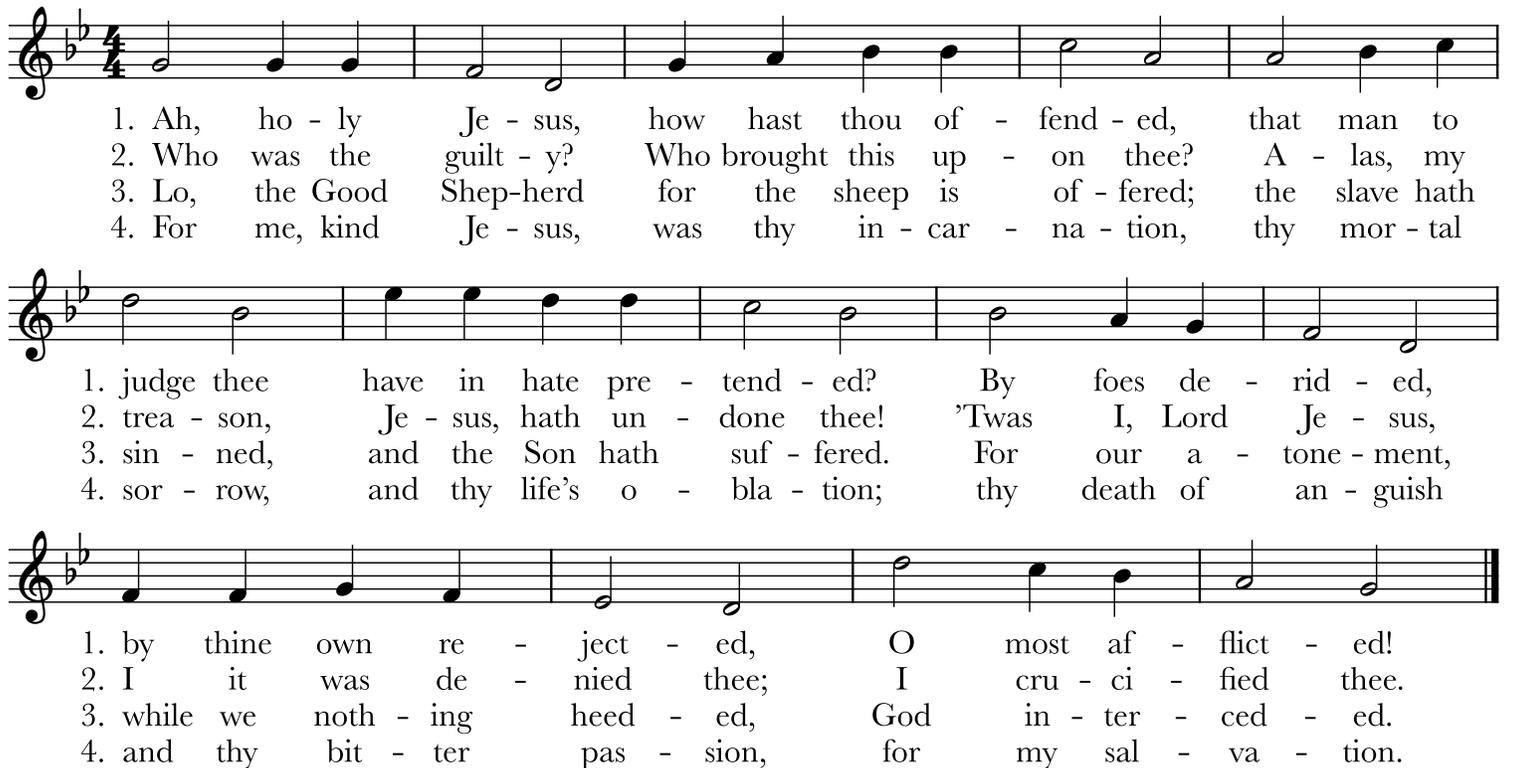
THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name; thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth
as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pas-ses as we for-give those
who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion but de-liv-er us from ev - il.

COMMUNION HYMN

AH, HOLY JESUS



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3. Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
1. judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
2. trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
3. sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered. For our a - tone - ment,
4. sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion; thy death of an - guish
1. by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
2. I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
3. while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
4. and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.

MEDITATION

IN DEPTHS OF WOE

DEPART IN SILENCE

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Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high-est,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. A - men.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. **✠**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **✠**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **✠**

EPISTLE

ROMANS 6:3-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

BAPTISMAL LITURGY

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Repeat each invocation after the Cantor:

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Invocations Responses: Sing 1-5 four times; 6 two times

(Saint Invocation) 1-4. pray for us. pray for us.
("Lord, be merciful,") 5. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
("Be merciful to us sinners.") 6. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

1-4. All you ho - ly men and wom - en, pray for us.
5. All you ho - ly men and wom - en, pray for us.
6. Christ, hear us. Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

THE BLESSING OF WATER
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES
CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN DURING THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS

THREE DAYS



1. Three days our world was bro-ken; the Lord of life lay dead. "Take up
2. Three days and on the third day, the wo-men came at dawn. His tomb,
3. Three days our world was bro-ken and in an in - stant healed, God's cov -



1. your cross," he told us who fol-lowed where he led. Would we now hang in
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3. e - nant of mer-cy in mys - ter - y re - vealed. Two thou - sand years are



1. tor-ment with thieves on ev-'ry side, our Pass - o - ver shat-tered, our
2. sto - ry? The dead do not a - rise, yet he walks a - mong us, and
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2. with our own eyes we've seen him at this ta - ble; we've shared his bread and
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SANCTUS

MASS OF RESURRECTION



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Lord, God of Hosts, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-



san - na, Ho-san - na, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



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Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, Our faith had been in vain;



But now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en!

FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Priest: the Mass is ended, go in peace, Alleluia, Alleluia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia! Our tri - umph - ant
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Un - to Christ, our
 3. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise e - ter - nal



1. ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia! Who did once up - on the cross,
 2. heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia! Who en - dured the cross and grave,
 3. as his love, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host,



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

SAINT JOHN BOSCO PARISH OF BRANFORD

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH 2026

ΠΡΟΙΤΙΣ

THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA

ΕΠΤΑΡΧΗ ΗΥΜΝ

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

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3. Sing we to our God a - bove, } Al - le - lu - ia!

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2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King,
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GLORIA

MASS OF JOY AND PEACE

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. A - men.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. **✠**

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:34A, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad. let us re-joice and be glad.

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

EASTER SEQUENCE

VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems: Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciled sinners to the Father; Death and life have contended In that combat stupendous: The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak Mary, declaring What you saw wayfaring:

“The Tomb of Christ, who is living. The glory of Jesus’ Resurrection; Bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen: To Galilee he goes before you.” Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CF. I CORINTHIANS 5:7B-8A

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-9

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MASS OF RESURRECTION



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san - na, Ho-san - na, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

MASS OF RESURRECTION



When we eat this bread, and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

MASS OF RESURRECTION



A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

MASS OF RESURRECTION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER HAS BEEN SACRIFICED

COMMUNION HYMN

AVE VERUM CORPUS



1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, A - way with sin and sor - row!
2. Death's flood has lost its chill, Since Je - sus crossed the ri - ver:
3. My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a sea - son slum - ber,



1. My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, Has sprung to life this mor - row.
2. Lord of all life, from ill My pas - sing life de - li - ver.
3. Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in num - ber.



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But now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Heavenly Father, You have created us for a definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for each of us in this life, and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make my parish, my home and my heart fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. May our young men respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among them a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. We make our prayer for priestly vocations to You, Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Saint Joseph, Patron of our Archdiocese, pray for us. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! LET THE HOLY ANTHEM RISE



1. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Let the ho - ly an - them rise, And the choirs of heav - en
2. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Like the sun from out the wave, He has ris - en up in
3. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Bless - ed Je - sus make us rise, From the life of this cor -



1. chant it In the tem - ple of the skies; Let the moun - tains skip with glad - ness And the
2. tri - umph From the dark - ness of the grave, He's the splen - dor of the na - tions, He's the
3. rup - tion To the life that nev - er dies. May Your glo - ry be our por - tion, When the



1. joy - ful val - leys ring, With Ho - san - nas in the high - est To our Sav - ior and our King!
2. lamp of end - less day; He's the ver - y Lord of glo - ry Who is ris - en up to - day!
3. days of time are past, And the dead shall be a - wak - ened By the trum - pet's might - y blast!