

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT

22 FEBRUARY 2026

ORDER OF MASS


PRELUDE

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622


Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De -
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con -
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



cel - e - brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
lov - ing God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah
liv - ered from the li - on's might; And John, the Bride - groom's
sumed in fast and prayer with you; Our spir - its strength - en
thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

GREETING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.

Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

(Choir) *Missa Collegium Regale*
Kyrie eleison

Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 17

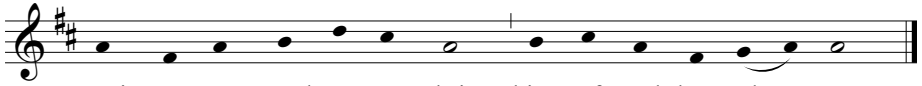
Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

READING II

Romans 5:12–19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4b



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

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(All bow during these two lines.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.


I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



1. I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew
 2. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold,
 3. I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole

He moved my soul to seek him, seek - ing me;
 I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
 Of love is but my an - swer, Lord, to thee!

It was not I that found, O Sav - ior true,
 'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold
 For thou wert long be - fore - hand with my soul;

No, I was found of thee.
 As thou, dear Lord, on me.
 Al - ways thou lov - edst me.

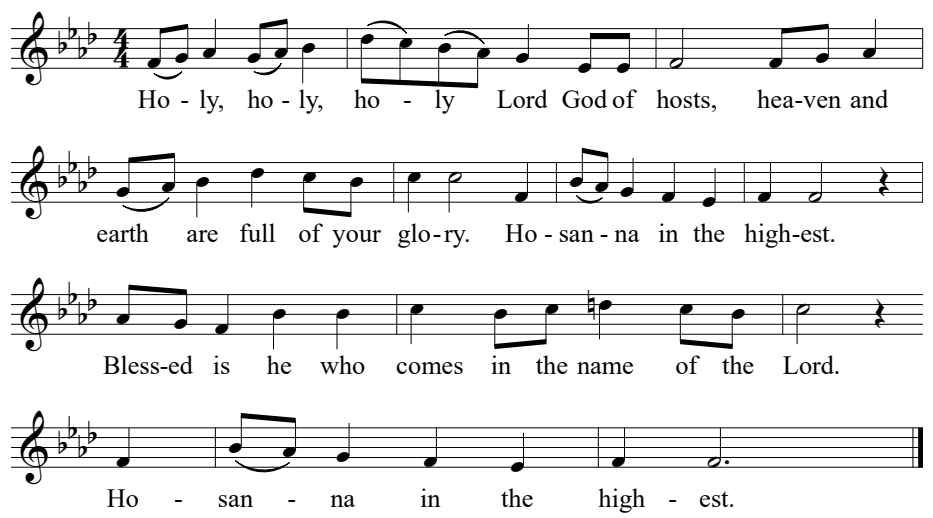
(Choir) *Scapulis suis*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
 (1525–1594)

*Scapulis suis
 obumbrabit tibi
 et sub pennis
 eius sperabis:
 scuto circumdabit
 te veritas eius.*

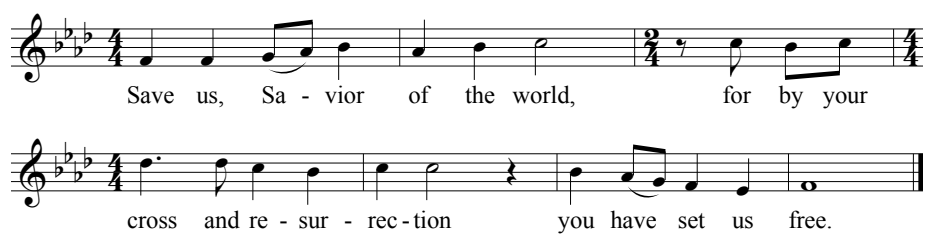
With his pinions
 the Lord will cover you
 and under his wings
 you shall take refuge;
 his faithfulness
 is a buckler and shield.

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your
cross and re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN



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

COMMUNION RITE

LORD’S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

(Choir) *Missa Collegium Regale*
Agnus Dei

Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

(Matthew 4:4)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



One does not live on bread a-lone, but by ev-'ry word that comes from God.

(Choir) *Hear the Voice and Prayer*

Thomas Tallis
(1505–1585)

Hear the voice and prayer of thy servants,
That they make before thee this day.
That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day,
Ever toward this place of which thou has said,
“My name shall be there.”
And when thou hearest, have mercy on them.

(1 Kings 8:28–30)

(Choir) *I have longed for thy saving health*

William Byrd
(1540–1623)

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord:
and in thy law is my delight.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee:
and thy judgements shall help me.

(Psalm 119:174–175)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

MARIAN ANTIPHON *(at Noon Mass)*

A - ve Re - gi - na cae - lo - rum, A - ve Do - mi - na An - ge - lo - rum:
Sal - ve ra - dix, sal - ve por - ta, Ex qua mun - do lux est or - ta:
Gau - de Vir - go glo - ri - o - sa, Su - per om - nes spe - ci - o - sa:
Va - le, O val - de de - co - ra, Et pro no - bis Chri - stum ex - o - ra.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place
and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.*

1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were
2. Shall not we your sor - row share And from
3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, Flesh or
4. So shall we have peace di - vine: Ho - lier
5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, Ev - er
fast - ing in the wild; For - ty days and
world - ly joys ab - stain, Fast - ing with un -
spir - it to as - sail, Vic - tor in the
glad - ness ours shall be; Round us, too, shall
con - stant by your side; That with you we
for - ty nights Tempt - ed and yet un - de - filed.
ceas - ing prayer, Strong with you to suf - fer pain?
wil - der - ness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!
an - gels shine, Such as served you faith - ful - ly.
may ap - pear At the e - ter - nal East - er - tide.

POSTLUDE

Vigil Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 737
10:30
9:00 Canzona from Folkloric Suite
12:00 Preludium in E minor (GroÙe)
4:30

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)
Jean Langlais
(1907–1991)
Nicolaus Bruhns
(1665–1697)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturdays in Lent following the 12:10 P.M. Mass
Crypt Church



SUNG VESPERS AT THE BASILICA

Sundays in Lent at 4:00 P.M.
4:30 P.M. Mass following

February 22, March 1 ♦ Crypt Church
March 8, 15, 22, 29 ♦ Great Upper Church



LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES

“THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND THEIR ENDURING LEGACY”

Thursday, February 26, 2026
Dr. Robert “Bobby” Duke
Chief Curatorial Officer at the Museum of the Bible

“LIVING WITH THE END IN MIND”

Thursday, March 5, 2026
Reverend Ismael N. Ayala
Director of Liturgy
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 *and* Thursday, March 26, 2026
Cheryl Guidry Tyiska
Manager of Outreach and Education
Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington

5:15 P.M. Mass ♦ Crypt Church
Lecture to follow

For more information on these events in the Lenten Reflection Series,
please visit: www.nationalshrine.com/lent-and-easter

40 HOURS DEVOTION

Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

March 12–14, 2026 ♦ Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Opening Mass

Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA
Principal Celebrant and Homilist

March 12, 2026 ♦ Great Upper Church

5:15 P.M. Mass

Broadcast by the Eternal Word Television Network

Closing Mass & Eucharistic Procession

Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap.
Archbishop Emeritus of Boston
Principal Celebrant and Homilist

March 14, 2026 ♦ Great Upper Church

4:30 P.M. Mass

Broadcast by the Eternal Word Television Network



DEDICATION OF THE OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS

March 15, 2026 ♦ Great Upper Church

12:00 P.M. Mass

Christophe Cardinal Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States
Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Dedication of the Outdoor Way of the Cross
located on the North Grounds of the Basilica
immediately follows the 12:00 P.M. Mass



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