

**BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE  
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



**EVENING PRAYER**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**22 FEBRUARY 2026**

**4:00 P.M.**



# ORDER OF CEREMONY

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

### PROCESSION

*All stand.*

### INTRODUCTORY VERSE

*All sign themselves in the form of the cross.*

*Presider:*

O God, ✠ come to my as - sist - ance.

*Assembly:*

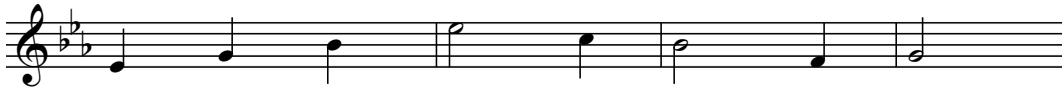
Lord, make haste to help me.

*All:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

# HYMN



1. Praise to the Hol - iest in the height,  
2. O wis - est love! that flesh and blood,  
3. And that a high - er gift than grace  
4. And in the gar - den sec - ret - ly  
5. Praise to the Hol - iest in the height



And in the depth be praise:  
Which did in Ad - am fail,  
Should flesh and blood re - fine:  
And on the Cross on high  
And in the depth be praise;



In all His words most won - der - ful,  
Should strive a - fresh a - gainst the foe;  
God's pre - sence and His ver - y Self  
Should teach His breth - ren and in - spire  
In all his words most won - der - ful,



Most sure in all His ways!  
Should strive and should pre - vail;  
And Es - - - sence all di - vine.  
To suf - - - fer and to die.  
Most sure in all His ways!

# PSALMODY

*All sit.*

## PSALM 110:1–5, 7

Antiphon:      Worship your Lord and God; serve him alone.



(Schola)      The Lord’s revelation *to* my Master:  
“Sit on my right:  
your foes I will put *beneath* your feet.”

(All)          The Lord will wield from Zion  
your *scepter* of power:  
rule in the midst of *all* your foes.

(Schola)      A prince from the day of your birth  
on the *holy* mountains;  
from the womb before the dawn *I* begot you.

(All)          The Lord has sworn an oath he *will* not change.  
“You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.”

(Schola)      The Master standing *at* your right hand  
will shatter kings in the day of *his* great wrath.

(All)          He shall drink from the stream *by* the wayside  
and therefore he shall lift *up* his head.

(All)          Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the *Holy* Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for *ever*. Amen.

Antiphon:      Worship your Lord and God; serve him alone.

## PSALM 114

Antiphon: This is the time when you can win God's favor; the day when you can be saved.



(Schola) When Israel came *forth* from Egypt,  
Jacob's sons from an *alien* people,  
Judah became *the* Lord's temple,  
Israel *became* his kingdom.

(All) The sea fled *at* the sight:  
the Jordan turned back *on* its course,  
the mountains *leapt* like rams  
and the hills like *yearling* sheep.

(Schola) Why was it, sea, *that* you fled,  
that you turned back, Jordan, *on* your course?  
Mountains, that you *leapt* like rams,  
hills, like *yearling* sheep?

(All) Tremble, O earth, *before* the Lord,  
in the presence of the *God* of Jacob,  
who turns the rock *into* a pool  
and flint into a *spring* of water.

(All) Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son,  
and to the *Holy* Spirit:  
as it was in the *beginning*, is now,  
and will be for *ever*. Amen.

Antiphon: This is the time when you can win God's favor; the day when you can be saved.



## RESPONSORY



(Schola) Fecit potentiam in brachio suo:  
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

(All) Deposuit potentes de sede  
et exaltavit humiles.

(Schola) Esurientes implevit bonis:  
et divites dimisit inanes.

(All) Suscepit, Israel puerum suum,  
recordatus misericordiae suæ.

(Schola) Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,  
Abraham, et semini eius in sæcula.

(All) Gloria Patri et Filio,  
et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in sæcula, sæculorum. Amen.

Antiphon: Watch over us, eternal Savior; do not let the cunning tempter seize us.  
We place all our trust in your unfailing help.

## INTERCESSIONS

*All remain standing.*

Presider: All praise to God the Father who brought his chosen people to rebirth  
from imperishable seed through his eternal Word. Let us ask him as his children:

**All: Lord, be gracious to your people.**

Lector: God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer for all your people,  
**All: may they hunger for your word more than for bodily food.**

Lector: Give us a sincere and active love for our own nation and for all mankind,  
**All: may we work always to build a world of peace and goodness.**

Lector: Look with love on all to be reborn in baptism,  
**All: that they may be living stones in your temple of the Spirit.**

Lector: You moved Nineveh to repentance by the preaching of Jonah,  
All: **in your mercy touch the hearts of sinners by the preaching of your word.**

Lector: May the dying go in hope to meet Christ their judge,  
All: **may they rejoice for ever in the vision of your glory.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Præceptis salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione formati, audemus dicere:



Pa-ter no-ster, qui es in cae-lis: san-cti-fi-ce-tur no-men tu-um;  
ad-ve-ni-at re-gnum tu-um; fi-at vo-lun-tas tu-a, si-cut in cae-lo et  
in ter-ra. Pa-nem no-strum co-ti-di-a-num da no-bis ho-di-e;  
et di-mit-te no-bis de-bi-ta no-stra, si-cut et nos di-mit-ti-mus de-bi-to-ri-  
bus no-stris; et ne nos in-du-cas in ten-ta-ti-o-nem; sed li-be-ra  
nos a ma-lo.

## PRAYER

Presider: Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ  
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Presider: May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Go in peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## MARIAN ANTIPHON

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.

*Hail, O Queen of Heaven, Hail, O Lady of Angels:  
Hail, thou root, Hail, thou gate from whom unto the world, a light has arisen:  
Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, Lovely beyond all others:  
Farewell, most beautiful maiden, And pray for us to Christ.*

**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  
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](http://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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