

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD:
FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

OPENING MASS



THURSDAY OF THE
THIRD WEEK OF LENT

27 MARCH 2025

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

His Eminence

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Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

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ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Great God of mer - cy, God of con - so - la - tion, Look on your
2. Je - sus Re - deem - er, Lord of all cre - a - tion, Come as our
3. Joy - giv - ing Spir - it, be our light in dark - ness, Come to be -
4. God in three per - sons, Tri - ni - ty e - ter - nal, Come to re -



peo - ple, gath - ered here to praise you: Pi - ty our weak - ness,
Sav - ior, Je - sus, friend of sin - ners: Grant us for - give - ness,
friend us, help us bear our bur - dens: Give us true cour - age,
new us, fill your Church with glo - ry: Grant us your heal - ing,



come in pow'r to aid us, Source of all bless - ing.
lift our down - cast spir - it, Heal us and save us.
breathe your peace a - round us, Stay with us al - ways.
pledge of re - sur - rec - tion, Fore - taste of hea - ven.

WELCOME

Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rector of the Basilica

GREETING

Celebrant: Peace 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.

(Choir) *Missa Seraphica*
Kyrie eleison

Anonymous

COLLECT

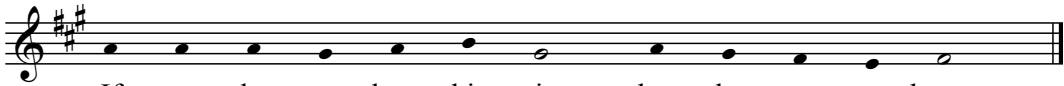
LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Jeremiah 7:23–28

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9



If to - day you hear his voice, har - den not your heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12–13



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

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 11:14–23

HOMILY

Christophe Cardinal Pierre
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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

(Choir) *The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee, O Lord*

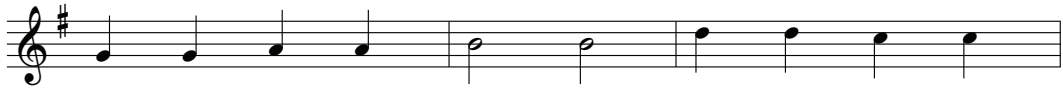
Jean Berger
(1909–2002)

The eyes of all wait upon Thee;
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thy hand:
and satisfieth the desire of every living thing.
The eyes of all wait upon Thee;
and thou givest them their meat in due season.

(Psalm 145:15–16)



1. Have mer - cy, Lord, on us, For
2. Lord, wash a - way our guilt, And
3. A - gainst you, Lord, a - lone, And
4. Blot out our man - y sins, Re -
5. The joy your grace can give Let



you are ev - er kind; Though we have sinned be -
cleanse us from our sin; For we con - fess our
on - ly in your sight Have we trans-gressed; we
move them from your view; Clean hearts cre - ate for
us a - gain ob - tain, And may your Spir - it's

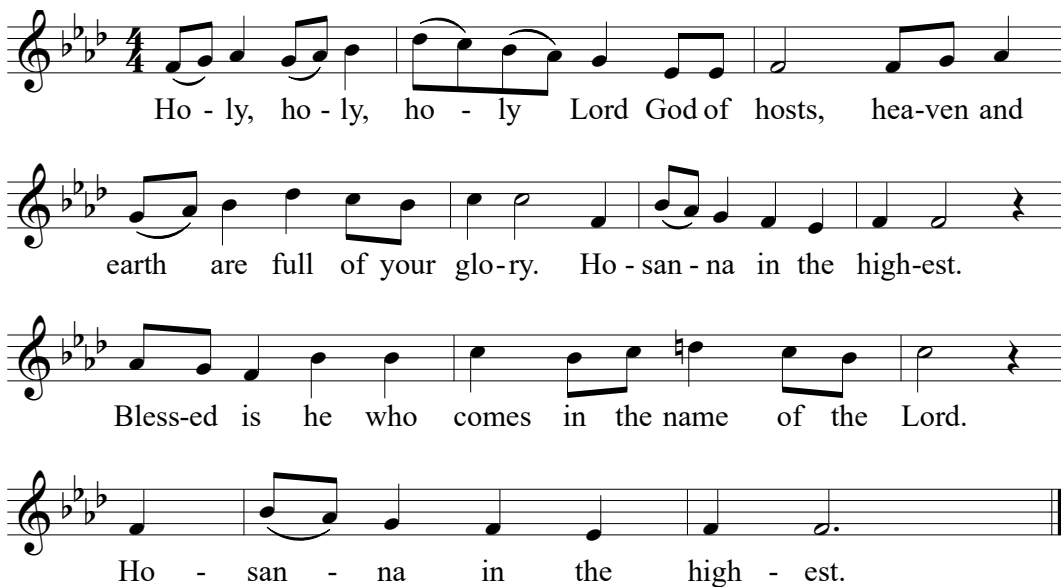


fore you, Lord, Your mer - cy let us find.
wrongs, and see How great our guilt has been.
stand con-demned: Your word is just and right.
us, O God; Our spir - its now re - new.
strong sup - port Our con - trite hearts sus - tain.

PREFACE

PREFACE DIALOGUE

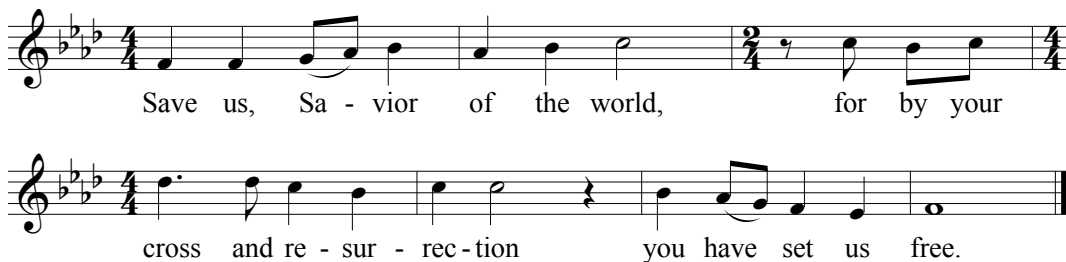
PREFACE ACCLAMATION



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.

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the acclamation, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the final line. The score ends with a double bar line.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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

The musical notation for the Memorial Acclamation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two measures, and the second staff contains the next two measures, ending with a double bar line.

GREAT AMEN



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

The musical notation for the Great Amen is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two measures, and the second staff contains the next two measures, ending with a double bar line.

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER & DOXOLOGY

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD

(Choir) *Missa Seraphica*
Agnus Dei

Anonymous

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

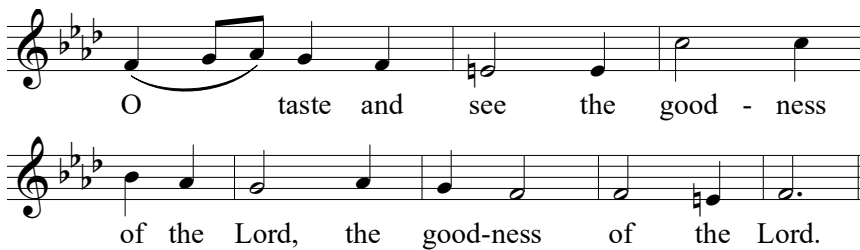
We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION



(Choir) *Sicut cervus*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525–1594)

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.*

As the deer longs for running streams,
so my soul longs for thee, O God.

(Psalm 42:1)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

EXPOSITION HYMN

The Most Blessed Sacrament is placed in the monstrance, the concluding prayer is spoken, and the Sacrament is incensed. The assembly joins the ministers of the altar in the Exposition Hymn O Saving Victim.



1. O Sav - ing Vic - tim, o - p'ning wide The gate of
2. To your great name be end - less praise, Im - mor - tal



heav'n to us be - low! Our foes press on from ev - 'ry side:
God - head, One in Three; O grant us end - less length of days



Your aid sup - ply, your strength be - stow.
When our true na - tive land we see. A - men.



Adoration will take place in the vestibule of the Great Upper Church overnight. You are invited to adore Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament during the night from the front steps of the Basilica. Adoration will take place throughout the day from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

All are welcome to participate in Pope Francis's invitation to celebrate "24 Hours for the Lord" and the Basilica's Forty Hours Devotion, which are being held to foster devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament and assist the faithful in the pilgrimage of Lent.

LENT AT THE **B**ASILICA OF THE **N**ATIONAL **S**HRINE

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 30, April 6, 13
Great Upper Church

LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES

“Loved by Jesus, Loving like Jesus”

Reverend Sebastian White, O.P.
Director of Resident Students, Dominican House of Studies

April 1, 2025

“Father, Forgive Them”
The Grace to Forgive as Jesus Forgives

April 10, 2025

“Give Them Some Food Yourselves”
The Power of God in Our Weaknesses

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

For more information on these events in the Lenten Reflection Series,
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