

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



**THE THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT**

23 MARCH 2025

ORDER OF MASS

PRELUDE

<i>Vigil</i>	Ciacona in D Minor	Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)
9:00	Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott, BWV 721	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
10:30 12:00	Choralvorspiel und Fuge über <i>O Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid, WoO 7</i>	Johannes Brahms (1883–1897)

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.

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) *Communion Service in D, Op. 45*
Kyrie eleison

Kenneth Leighton
(1929–1988)

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 103: 1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 11

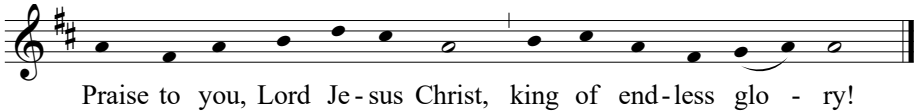


READING II

1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:17



Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

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.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

1. Come, you sin - ners, poor and need - y,
2. Come, you thirst - y, come, and wel - come,
3. Come, you wea - ry, heav - y lad - en,
Weak and wound - ed, sick and sore, Je - sus, Son of
God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy: True be - lief and
Lost and ru - ined by the fall; If you tar - ry
God, will save you, Full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.
true re - pen - tance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.
I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me
in his arms; In the arms of my dear
Sav - ior, Oh, there are ten thou - sand charms.

(Choir) *Come and Taste*

arr. Alice Parker
(1925–2023)

Come and taste along with me consolation flowing free,
from the Father's wealthy throne, sweeter than the honeycomb.

I'll praise God and you praise God,
and we'll all praise God together;
we'll praise the Lord for the work that he has done,
and we'll bless his Name forever.

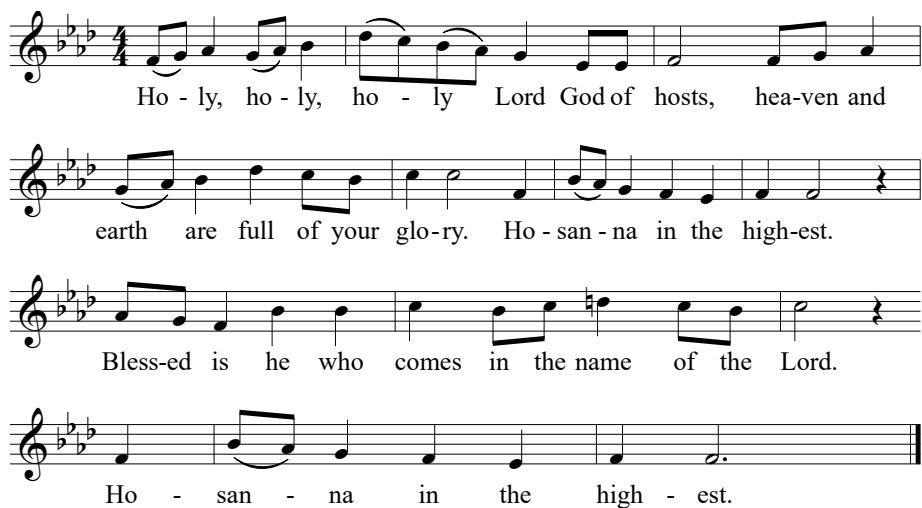
All that come with free good will make the banquet sweeter still;
now I go to mercy's door, asking for a little more.

Goodness, running like a stream through the new Jerusalem,
by a constant breaking forth sweetens earth and heaven both.

O, return, ye sons of grace, turn and see God's smiling face.
Hark, he calls backsliders home, then from him no longer roam.

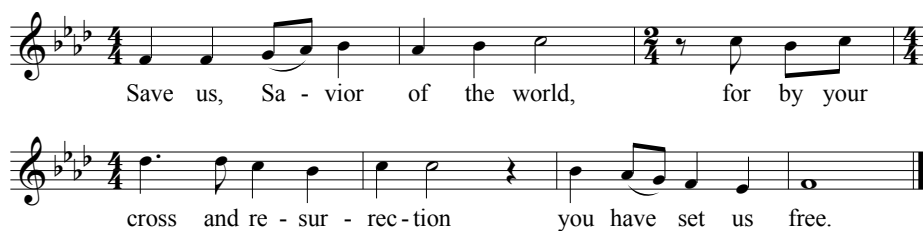
(John Leland)

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.

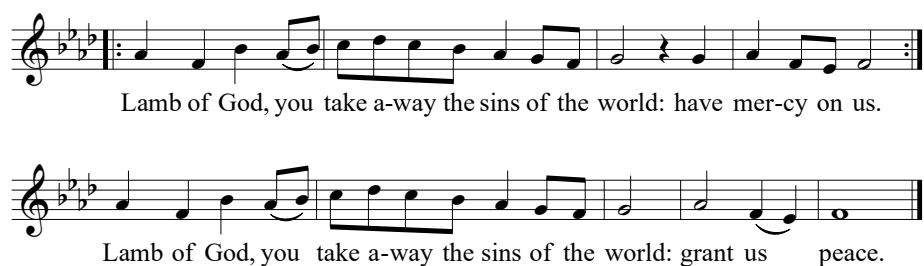
COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

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.

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 ANTIPHON

Even the sparrow finds a home,
the swallow a nest wherein to place her young,
near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my king and my God!
How happy they who dwell in your house!
For ever they are praising you.

(Psalm 84:4–5)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



(Choir) *Love Bade Me Welcome*

David Hurd
(b. 1950)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
guiltie of dust and sinne.
But quick-ey'd Love observing me grow slack
from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he.
I, the unkinde, ungratefull? Ah, my deare, I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord but I have marr'd them:
let my shame go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, sayes Love, who bore the blame?
My deare, then I will serve.
You must sit down, sayes Love, and taste my meat:
so I did sit and eat.

(George Herbert, 1593–1632)

(Choir) *Like as the Hart*

Healey Willan
(1880–1968)

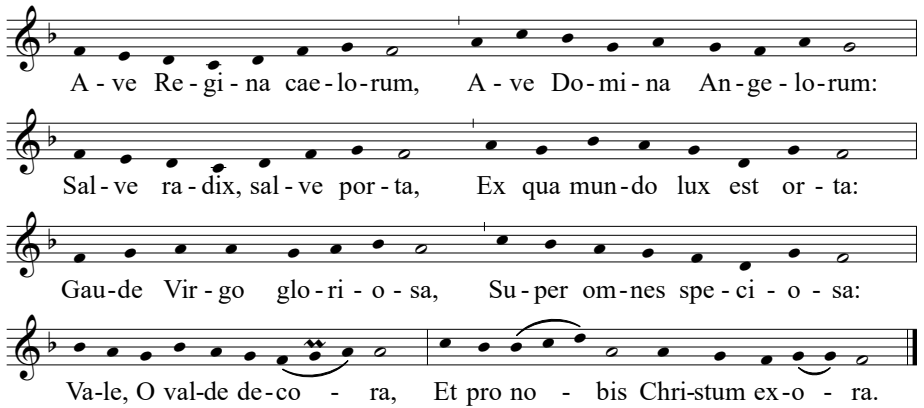
Like as the hart desireth the water brooks,
So longeth my soul after Thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God;
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God.
Like as the hart desireth the water brooks,
So longeth my soul after Thee, O God.

(Psalm 42:1–2)

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



1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide - ness
2. For the love of God is broad - er Than the mea - sures
3. Trou - bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of
of the sea; There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice
of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal
fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der
Which is more than li - ber - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion
Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more sim - ple
From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the sin - ner
In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for
We should take him at his word; And our lives would
And more grac - es for the good; There is mer - cy
all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
be thanks - giv - ing For the good - ness of our Lord.
with the Sa - vior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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

March 23, 30, April 6, 13
Great Upper Church

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Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
March 27–29, 2025 ♦ Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Opening Mass

Christophe Cardinal Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States
Celebrant & Homilist

March 27, 2025 ♦ Great Upper Church
5:15 P.M. Mass
Broadcast by the Eternal Word Television Network

Closing Mass & Eucharistic Procession

Robert Cardinal McElroy
Archbishop of Washington
Celebrant & Homilist

March 29, 2025 ♦ Great Upper Church
4:30 P.M. Mass
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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

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Daniel Greenway, Organist

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