

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



**THE THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT**

8 MARCH 2026

ORDER OF MASS

His Excellency

MOST REVEREND MICHAEL F. OLSON

Bishop of Fort Worth

Principal Celebrant and Homilist at Noon

PRELUDE

Vigil Hudson Preludes, I

10:30

12:00

9:00 Herzliebster Jesu, Op. 122, No. 2

Nico Muhly

(b. 1981)

Johannes Brahms

(1833–1897)

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.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor:' and the second and third are labeled 'Assembly:'. The music is in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' on the first staff; 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' on the second staff; and 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' on the third staff. The melody is a simple, flowing line with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

(Choir) *Missa Seraphica*
Kyrie eleison

Francis Burgess
(1879–1948)

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Exodus 17:3–7

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9

The musical notation is a single staff of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two sharps (F-sharp, C-sharp). The lyrics are: 'If to - day you hear his voice, har - den not your heart.' The melody is a simple, flowing line with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

READING II

Romans 5:1–2, 5–8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 4:42, 15



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

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

GOSPEL

John 4:5–42

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. Spi - rit seek-ing light and beau-ty, Heart that long - est for thy rest,
2. Taste and see him, feel and hear him, Hope and grasp his un-seen hand;



Soul that ask - eth un - der-stand-ing, On - ly thus can ye be blest.
Tho' the dark-ness seem to hide him, Faith and love can un-der-stand.



Thro' the vast-ness of cre - a - tion Tho' your rest - less thought may roam,
God who lov - est all thy crea-tures, All our hearts are known to thee;



God is all that you can long for, God is all his crea-tures' home.
Lead us thro' the land of sha-dows To thy blest e - ter - ni - ty.

(Choir) *Exaltabo te, Domine*

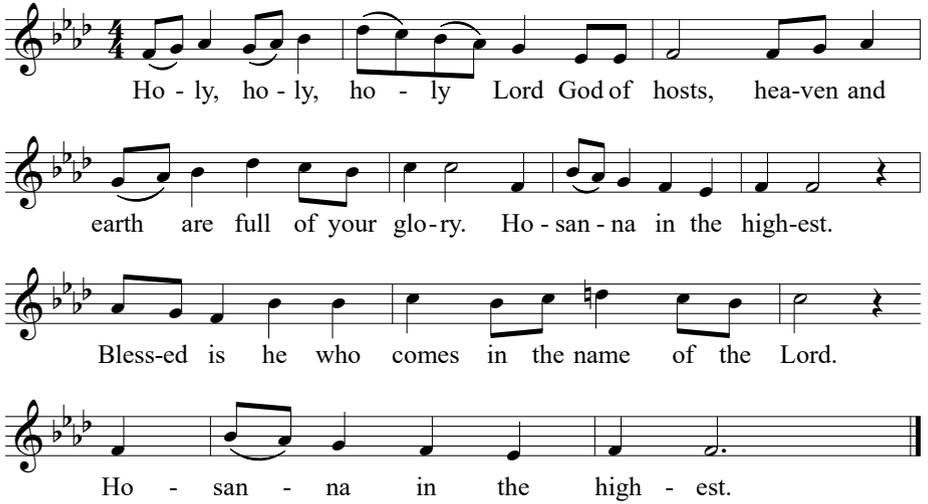
Alessandro Scarlatti
(1660–1725)

*Exaltabo te, Domine,
quoniam suscepisti me,
nec delectasti inimicos meos super me:
Domine, clamavi ad te, et sanasti me.*

I will extol you, O Lord,
for you have drawn me up,
and have not allowed my enemies to rejoice over me;
O Lord, I called out unto you, and you healed me.

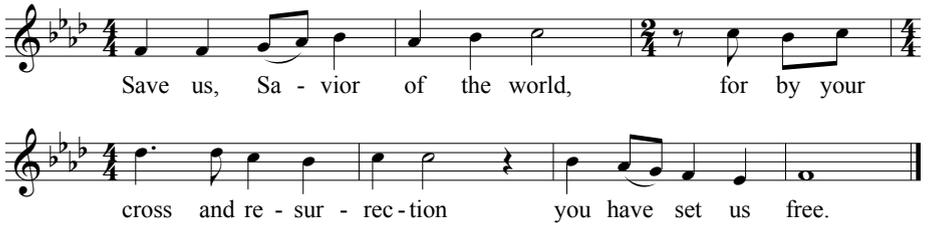
(Psalm 30:2–3)

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



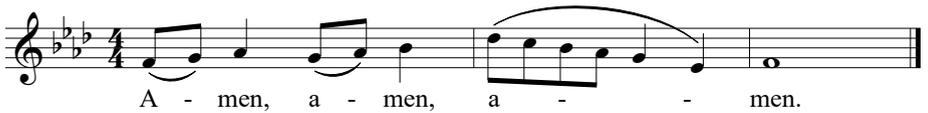
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Seraphica*
Agnus Dei

Francis Burgess
(1879–1948)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

(John 4:13–14)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



My soul is thir-sting for you, O Lord my God.

(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, 1754–1841)

(Choir) *Like as the Hart*

Healy Willan
(1880–1968)

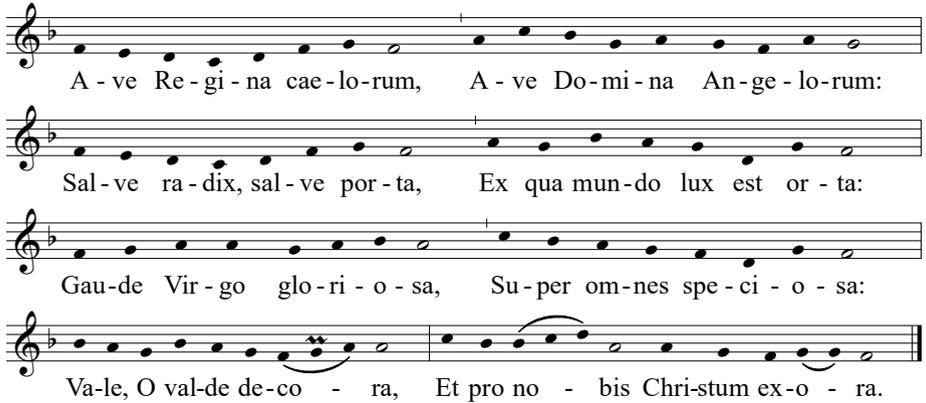
Like as the hart desireth the water brooks,
So longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God,
yea, even for the living God;
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

(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.

*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.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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

POSTLUDE

Vigil Toccata from Suite Gothique
10:30
12:00
9:00 Praeludium in G Minor, BuxWV 149
4:30 Fugue in B minor, BWV 544

Léon Boëllmann
(1862–1897)
Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637–1707)
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)



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 8, 15, 22, 29
Great Upper Church

LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES
“LIVING WITH THE END IN MIND”

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 *and* Wednesday, March 25, 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,
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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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