

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



EVENING PRAYER

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8 MARCH 2026

4:00 P.M.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

INTRODUCTORY RITE

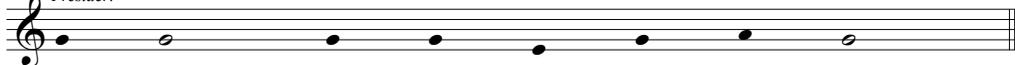
PROCESSION

All stand.

INTRODUCTORY VERSE

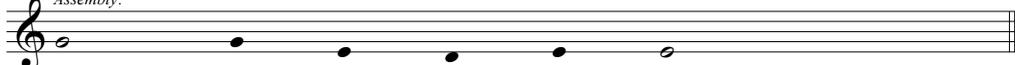
All sign themselves in the form of the cross.

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. O mer - ci - ful Re - deem - er, hear: In pi - ty
2. Our hearts are o - pen, Lord, to thee, And know - ing
3. Our sins are great, our wills are weak, But thy for -
4. O grant most ho - ly Tri - ni - ty, Thou un - di -



now in - cline thine ear; Ac - cept the con - trite
our in - i - qui - ty, Pour out on us thy
give - ness, Lord, we seek, And for the glo - ry
vi - ded u - ni - ty, That these our ho - ly



pray'rs we raise In this our fast of for - ty days.
heal - ing grace, Re - store to life a fal - len race.
of thy name, Do thou our wound - ed souls re - claim.
Lent - en days, In - crease our mer - it and thy praise.

PSALMODY

All sit.

PSALM 110:1–5, 7

Antiphon: Lord, all-powerful King, free us for the sake of your name.
Give us time to turn from our sins.



(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."

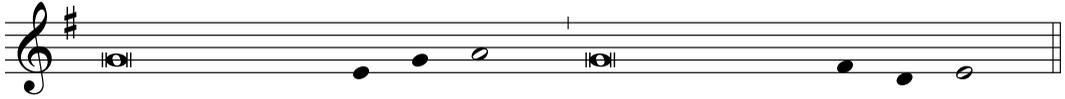
(Schola) The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

(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: Lord, all-powerful King, free us for the sake of your name.
Give us time to turn from our sins.

Antiphon: Ours were the sufferings he bore; ours the torments he endured.



(Schola) Christ suffered for you,
and left you an example
to have you follow in his footsteps.

(All) He did no wrong;
no deceit was found in his mouth.
When he was insulted,
he returned no insult.

(Schola) When he was made to suffer,
he did not counter with threats.
Instead he delivered himself up
to the One who judges justly.

(All) In his own body
he brought your sins to the cross,
so that all of us, dead to sin,
could live in accord with God's will.

(Schola) By his wounds you were healed.

(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: Ours were the sufferings he bore; ours the torments he endured.

READING

I Corinthians 9:24–25

While all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, the award goes to one man. In that case, run so as to win! Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do this to win a crown of leaves that withers, but we a crown that is imperishable.

RESPONSORY



- (Schola) Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est:
et sanctum nomen eius.
- (All) Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies
timentibus eum.
- (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 misericordiæ suæ.
- (Schola) Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham, et semini eis in sæcula.
- (All) Gloria Patri et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in sæcula, sæculorum. Amen.
- Antiphon: Whoever drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again, says the Lord.

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,

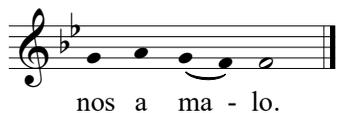
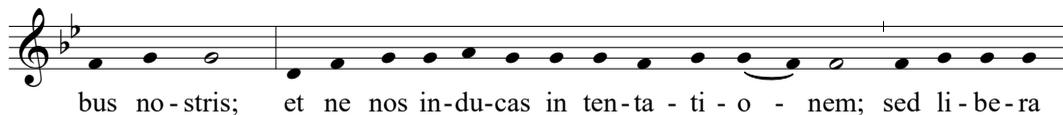
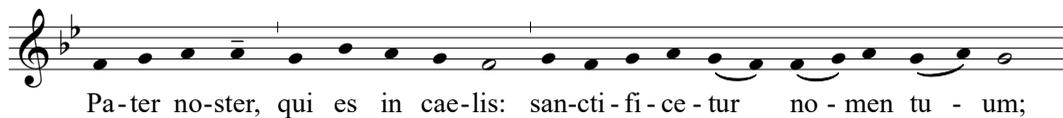
All: in your mercy touch the hearts of sinners by the preaching of your word.

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:



PRAYER

Presider: O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.

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.

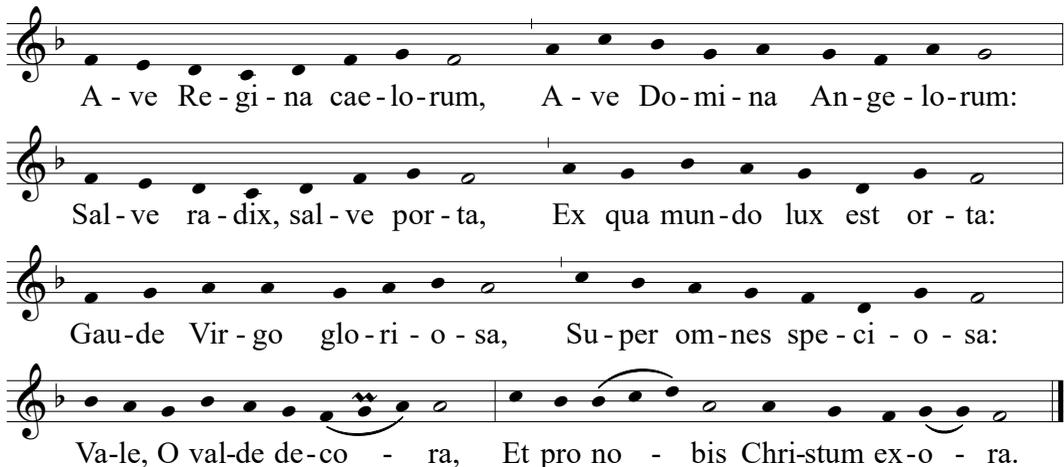
Presider: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

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 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,
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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