

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



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

**DEDICATION OF THE
OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS**

15 MARCH 2026

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His Eminence

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PRELUDE

9:00 Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

10:30 Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122, Nos. 9 & 10

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

12:00

ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Praise to the Hol - iest in the height,
2. O lov - ing wis - dom of our God!
3. O wis - est love! that flesh and blood,
4. and that the high - est gift of grace,
5. O gen - 'rous love! that he who smote
6. And in the gar - den se - cret - ly,
7. Praise to the Hol - iest in the height,



and in the depth be praise;
When all was sin and shame,
which did in A - dam fail,
should flesh and blood re - fine:
in man for man the foe,
and on the cross on high,
and in the depth be praise;



in all his words most won - der - ful,
a se - cond A - dam to the fight
should strive a - fresh a - gainst the foe,
God's pre - sence and his ve - ry self,
the dou - ble a - go - ny in Man
should teach his breath - ren, and in - spire
in all his words most won - der - ful,



most sure in all his ways!
and to the res - cue came.
should strive, and should pre - vail;
and es - sence all - di - vine.
for man should un - der - go.
to suf - fer and to die.
most sure in all his ways!

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 score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." The second staff is for the Assembly, with the lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy." The third staff is for the Assembly, with the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." The music is a simple, melodic line with a steady rhythm, using a mix of quarter and eighth notes with slurs and ties.

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) *Missa Brevis Sancti Pauli*
Kyrie eleison

Anthony Caesar
(1924–2018)

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

I Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6



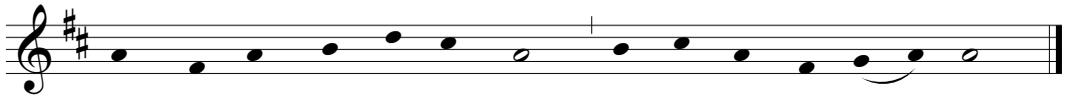
The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

READING II

Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 8:12



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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

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

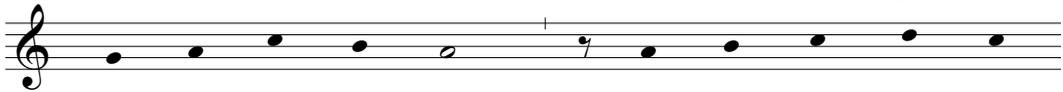
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



1. O Christ, our true and on - ly light, Il - lu - mine
2. Fill with the ra - diance of thy grace The souls now
3. And all who else have strayed from thee, O gent - ly
4. O make the deaf to hear thy word, And teach the
5. Shine on the dark - ened and the cold, Re - call the
6. So they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze, And all whom in their
seek; thy heal - ing be To ev' - ry wound - ed
dumb to speak, dear Lord, Who dare not yet the
wand' - rers to thy fold, U - nite those now who
wond' - ring thanks a - dore, And end - less praise to



hear thy voice, And in thy fold with us re - joice.
se - cret minds, Some dark de - lu - sion hurts and blinds.
con - science giv'n, And let them al - so share thy heav'n.
faith a - vow, Though se - cret - ly they hold it now.
walk a - part, Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart.
thee be giv'n By all thy Church in earth and heav'n.

(Choir) *Super flumina Babylonis*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525–1594)

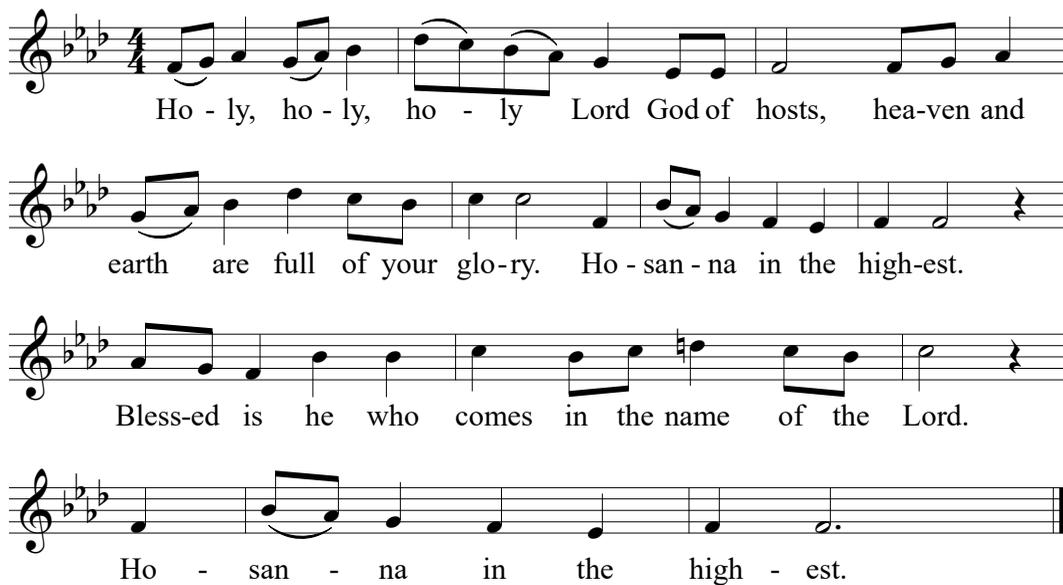
*Super flumina Babylonis
illic sedimus et flevimus,
cum recordaremur Sion.
In salicibus in medio ejus
suspendimus organa nostra.*

By the waters of Babylon
we sat down and wept:
when we remembered thee, O Sion.
As for our harps, we hanged them up:
upon the trees that are therein.

(Psalm 137:1–2)

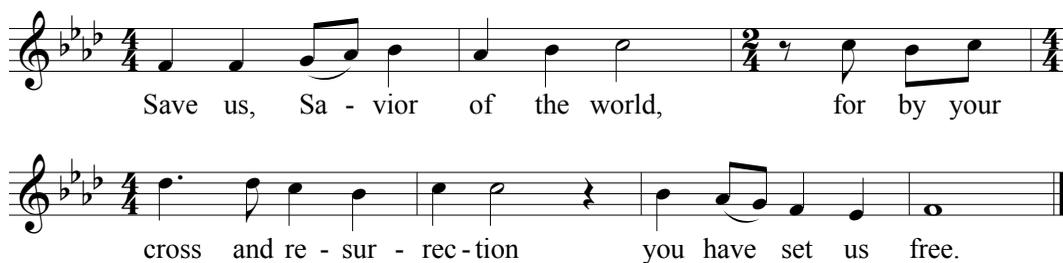
PREFACE DIALOGUE

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.

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.

(Choir) *Missa Brevis Sancti Pauli*
Agnus Dei

Anthony Caesar
(1924–2018)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

(John 9:11, 38)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, whom shall I fear?

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.

(Choir) *My Eyes for Beauty Pine*

Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddës grace:
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.

(Robert Bridges, 1844–1930)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Celebrant: Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,
and sustain the weak;
give life by your unfailing light
to those who walk in the shadow of death,
and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil
to reach the highest good.

Through Christ our Lord.
Assembly: Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

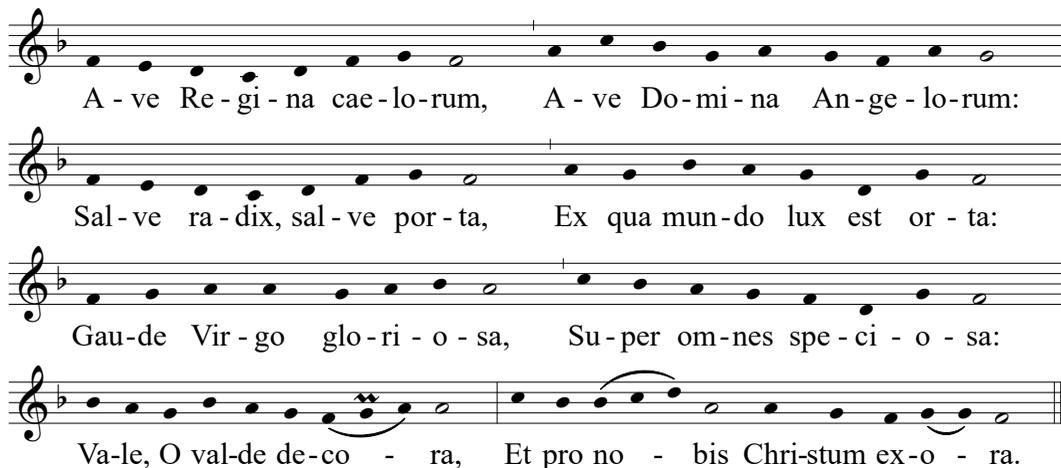
Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Assembly: Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

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.*

*At the Noon Mass, all are invited to join the Procession
to the Outdoor Way of the Cross located on the North Grounds of the Basilica.*



1. A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
2. For he de - scen - ded here to bring From
3. There is one Bo - dy and one Hope, One
4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved Who
5. For us Christ lived, for us he died And



Christ shall give you light. So learn his love, its
sin and fears re - lease, To give the Spi - rit's
Spi - rit and one Call, One Lord, one Faith, and
died that he might save; With kind and gen - tle
con - quered in the strife. A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth and height.
u - ni - ty, Which is the bond of peace.
one Bap - tism, One Fa - ther of us all.
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

POSTLUDE

9:00 Praeludium in G minor

Nicolaus Bruhns
(1665–1697)

10:30 Grand Chorus in March-form, Op. 84

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837–1911)

4:30

12:00 Fugue in G minor, BWV 542/2

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

ORDER OF DEDICATION OF THE OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS

*The Outdoor Way of the Cross
is a spiritual gift from Dr. Daisy Yin Yin Lin.*

GREETING

Cardinal: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

Cardinal: May the Lord Jesus,
who suffered for us
and by his Paschal Mystery redeemed us,
be with you all.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Cardinal: The God of all mercy has saved us
through the death and resurrection of his own Son.
The Word became flesh and emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave
and obediently accepting even death,
death on a cross.

As we remember the unmeasured outpouring of Christ's love,
we are invited to follow the Way of the Cross
with devout minds and hearts.
Thankful to the Lord,
who died for us on the Cross,
let us also die to sin and walk in newness of life.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Cardinal: Let us pray.

Lord and Father all-holy,
you willed that your Son's cross
should become the source of all blessings,
the cause of all graces.
Bless ✠ these Stations of the Cross.
Grant that we who on earth
hold fast to the mysteries of his sacred Passion
may in heaven enter into the joys of his Resurrection.

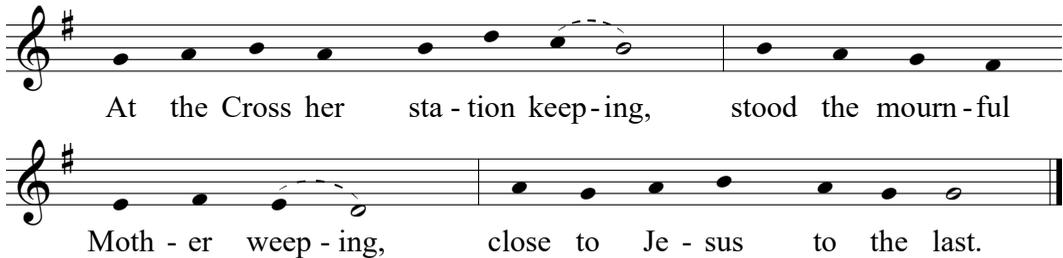
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

Cardinal Pierre incenses the newly Dedicated image of Our Lord, and then sprinkles the image with Holy Water. He is then led throughout the Outdoor Way of the Cross to sprinkle the newly Dedicated Stations of the Cross with Holy Water.

At this time, all are invited to join the choir in the singing of the Stabat Mater.

STABAT MATER



At the Cross her sta - tion keep - ing, stood the mourn - ful
Moth - er weep - ing, close to Je - sus to the last.

Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,
all his bitter anguish bearing,
now at length the sword has passed.

O how sad and sore distressed
was that Mother, highly blest,
of the sole-begotten One.

Christ above in torment hangs,
she beneath beholds the pangs
of her dying glorious Son.

Is there one who would not weep,
whelmed in miseries so deep,
Christ's dear Mother to behold?

Can the human heart refrain
from partaking in her pain,
in that Mother's pain untold?

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
she beheld her tender Child
all with bloody scourges rent:

For the sins of his own nation,
saw him hang in desolation,
till his spirit forth he sent.

O thou Mother! Fount of love!
Touch my spirit from above,
make my heart with thine accord:

Make me feel as thou hast felt;
make my soul to glow and melt
with the love of Christ my Lord.

Holy Mother! Pierce me through,
in my heart each wound renew
of my Savior crucified:

Let me share with thee his pain,
who for all my sins was slain,
who for me in torments died.

Let me mingle tears with thee,
mourning him who mourned for me,
all the days that I may live:

By the Cross with thee to stay,
there with thee to weep and pray,
'tis all I ask thee to give.

Virgin of all virgins blest!
Listen to my fond request:
let me share thy grief divine;

Let me, to my latest breath,
in my body bear the death
of that dying Son of thine.

Wounded with his every wound,
steep my soul till it hath swooned,
in his very Blood away;

Be to me, O Virgin, nigh,
lest in flames I burn and die,
in his awful Judgment Day.

Christ, when thou shalt call me hence,
be thy Mother my defense,
be thy Cross my victory;

While my body here decays,
may my soul thy goodness praise,
safe in paradise with thee.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND DISMISSAL

Cardinal: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Cardinal: Through the death and resurrection of his own Son,
the Father has given the human race the great gift of redemption.
May he give you the grace to meditate devoutly on Christ's Passion
and to follow your crucified Lord,
so that you may come to the glory of his Resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.
Assembly: Amen.

Cardinal: And may almighty God bless you all,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.
Assembly: Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace.
Assembly: Thanks be to God.

LENT AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

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

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5:15 P.M. Mass ♦ Crypt Church

Lecture to follow

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HOLY WEEK
AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

29 March 2026

Great Upper Church

4:30 P.M. (Vigil)

7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 4:30 P.M.

SOLEMN MASS

12:00 NOON

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2:30 P.M.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Crypt Church

Monday through Wednesday: 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:10 P.M. and 5:15 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confessional Chapel

Monday and Tuesday: 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. and 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

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