

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



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

15 FEBRUARY 2026

ORDER OF MASS

PRELUDE

<i>Vigil</i>	Master Tallis' Testament	Herbert Howells (1892–1983)
10:30		
12:00		
9:00	Maestoso – Andante sostenuto <i>from Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi, Op. 9</i>	Hermann Schroeder (1904–1984)
4:30	Fugue in G minor, BWV 578	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his feet your
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his peo - ple
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4. Frail as sum-mer's flower we flou - rish, Blows the wind and
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be - hold him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise him still the same as ev - er,
frame he knows; In his hands he gent - ly bears us,
it is gone; But while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,

Ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
God en - dures un - chang-ing on: Al - le - lu - ia!
Dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal one!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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.

GLORIA

Celebrant: *Assembly:*

Glory to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,
we glo - rify you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, almighty Fa - ther.

Lord Je - sus Christ, Only Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Fa-ther, you take away the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir - it,

in the glory of God the Father. *A - - - men.*

(Choir) *Communion Service in F*
Kyrie eleison, Gloria in excelsis

Harold Darke
(1888-1976)

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Sirach 15:15–20

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 17–18, 33–34



Bless-ed are they who fol-low the law of the Lord.

READING II

I Corinthians 2:6–10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:25



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17–37

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. The per - fect law of God Gives spir - it to the heart;
2. The Lord's com - mand - ments shine, A light be - fore our eyes!
3. The stat - utes of the Lord Are sweet as hon - ey pure;
4. The law of God gives hope; Re - joice in his com - mands!

His words of ev - er - last - ing life New strength im - part.
His tes - ti - mo - ny sure will make The sim - ple wise.
His words of love with - in our hearts Make us se - cure.
Through heav'n and earth his faith - ful word For - ev - er stands.

Re - fresh - ing to the soul, his laws are right and true;
How per - fect is his word And all his judg - ments just!
More pre - cious in our sight Than heaps of fin - est gold,
His pre - cepts be our rock And help in all our days;

To live with - in his ho - ly will Brings joy a - new.
For - ev - er in his guid - ing hand We safe - ly trust.
They prom - ise ev - er - last - ing life And joy un - told.
Our Sav - ior and re - deem - ing Lord, Our God al - ways!

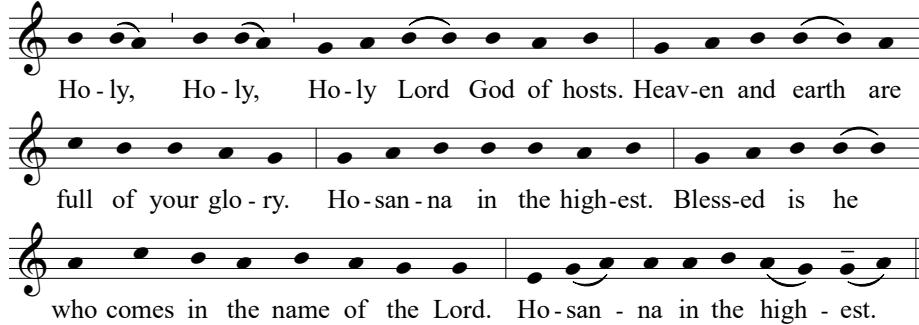
(Choir) *Teach Me, O Lord*

William Byrd
(1543–1623)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law:
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments:
for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies:
and not unto covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity:
and quicken me in thy way.
O stablish thy word in thy servant:
that I may fear thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

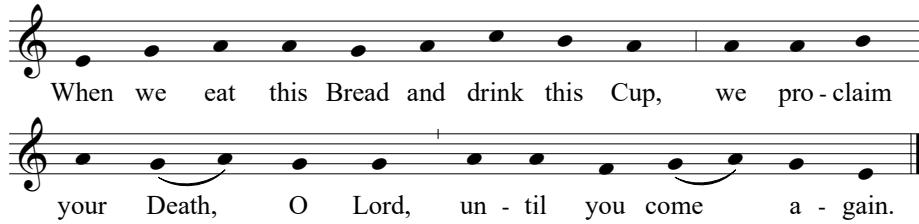
(Psalm 119:33–38)

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



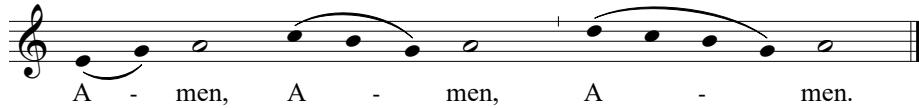
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro - claim
your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



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

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



A - gnu-s De-i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
A - gnu-s De-i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

(Choir) *Communion Service in F*
Agnus Dei

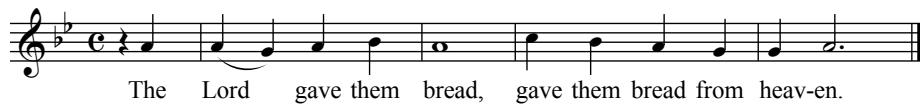
Harold Darke
(1888–1976)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

(*Psalm 78:29–30*)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



The Lord gave them bread, gave them bread from heav-en.

(Choir) *Beati quorum via*

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852–1924)

*Beati quorum via integra est:
Qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

Happy are those whose path is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

(*Psalm 119:1*)

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

(Choir) *O Sing unto the Lord a New Song*

Peter Aston
(1938–2013)

O sing unto the Lord a new song;
O sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
O sing unto the Lord, bless his name;
shew forth his salvation from day to day.
For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.
Declare his glory among the heathen,
declare his wonders among all the people.

(Psalm 96:1–4)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

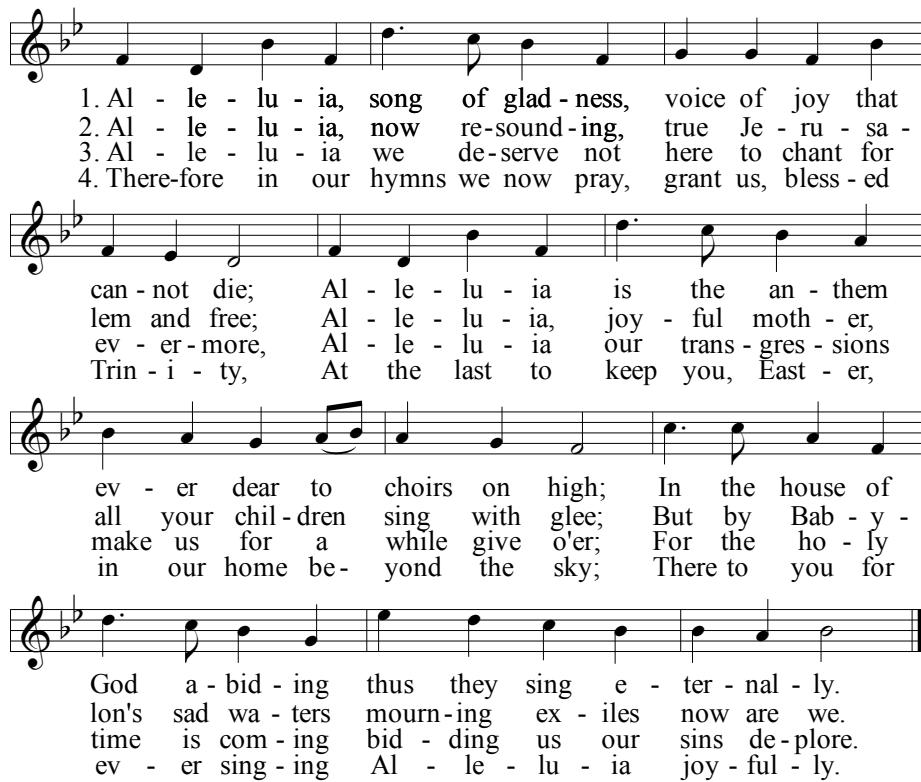
BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

MARIAN ANTIPHON *(at Noon Mass)*

Salve Re-gi-na, Ma-ter mi-se-ri-cor-di-ae: Vi-ta, dul-ce - do,
et spes no-stra, sal - ve. Ad te cla - ma-mus, ex - su - les,
fi - li - i He-vae. Ad te sus - pi - ra-mus, ge-men-tes et flen-tes
in hac la - cri - ma - rum val - le. E - ia er - go, Ad - vo - ca - ta no - stra,
il - los tu - os mi - se - ri - cor - des o - cu - los ad nos con - ver - te. Et Je - sum,
be - ne - dic - tum fruc - tum ven - tris tu - i, no - bis post hoc ex - si - li - um
o - sten - de. O cle - mens: O pi - a:
O dul - cis Vir - go Ma - ri - a.

RECESSATIONAL HYMN

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



1. Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that
2. Al - le - lu - ia, now re-sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa -
3. Al - le - lu - ia we de-serve not here to chant for
4. There-fore in our hymns we now pray, grant us, bless - ed

can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
ev - er - more, Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep you, East - er,

ev - er dear to choirs on high; In the house of
all your chil - dren sing with glee; But by Bab - y -
make us for a while give o'er; For the ho - ly
in our home be - yond the sky; There to you for

God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing bid - ding us our sins de - plore.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

POSTLUDE

Vigil Carillon *from 24 Pièces en style libre*

Louis Vierne

10:30

(1870–1937)

12:00

9:00 Poco vivace *from Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi*, Op. 9

Hermann Schroeder

(1904–1984)

4:30 Fugue in G major, BWV 577

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685–1750)



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

Masses

7 A.M., 8 A.M. ♦ Crypt Church

12:10 P.M., 2:30 P.M. (en Español) & 5:15 P.M. ♦ Great Upper Church

Confessions

9 A.M. – 12 P.M. ♦ 1 P.M. – 5 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturdays in Lent following the 12:10 P.M. Mass
Crypt Church

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SUNG VESPERS AT THE BASILICA
Sundays in Lent at 4:00 P.M.
4:30 P.M. Mass following

February 22, March 1 ♦ Crypt Church
March 8, 15, 22, 29 ♦ Great Upper Church

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“THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND THEIR ENDURING LEGACY”

Thursday, February 26, 2026
Dr. Robert “Bobby” Duke
Chief Curatorial Officer at the Museum of the Bible

“LIVING WITH THE END IN MIND”

Thursday, March 5, 2026
Reverend Ismael N. Ayala
Director of Liturgy

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 and Thursday, March 26, 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

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