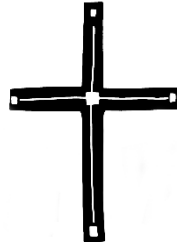


Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H



ASH WEDNESDAY

18 FEBRUARY 2026

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Merciful God

Tony E. Alonso

Refrain



Ash Wednesday: Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God,
Lent Gathering: Gath - er your peo - ple, mer - ci - ful God,
Lent Communion: Feed us and guide us, mer - ci - ful God:



Chil - dren of dust, as to dust we re - turn. Sign us with
Gath - er the long - ing, the lost, and un - sure. Gath - er your
Light, when the shad - ows of life cloud our view. Feed us and



ash - es, mer - ci - ful God; Mark us and make us your
peo - ple, mer - ci - ful God, Name us and claim us as
guide us, mer - ci - ful God, Peo - ple who hun - ger for



To verses own. own, mark us and make us your own.
yours. yours, name us and claim us as yours.
you. you, peo - ple who hun - ger for you.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Joel 2: 12-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be
mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Verses

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,
in your compassion, blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow,
and cleanse me from all of my sin.
2. My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me;
against you alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in your sight I have done.
3. Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your spirit from me.
4. Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me up
and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered,
and bring them all home to your side.

SECOND READING | 2 Corinthians 5: 20 - 6: 2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Ruah Mass of the Breath of God

Ian Callanan

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv-ing God!
2. Glo - ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!
3. Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
4. Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv-ing God!
Glo - ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!
Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PRAYER

BLESSING OF ASHES WITH HOLY WATER

The ashes used today come from the branches blessed last year for Palm Sunday.

Hosea

Gregory Norbet

Verses



- 1. Come back to me with all your heart.
 & Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
- 2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
 In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,
- 3. & You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



- Don't let fear keep us a - part.
 so must we to oth - ers' call. (To refrain)
 to your heart where I will speak.
- With ten - der - ness, & you shall know. (To refrain)
 faith - ful - ness will be your joy. (To refrain)

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God,
 chil-dren of dust, as to dust we re-turn. Sign us with ash-es,
 mer-ci-ful God; mark us and make us your own.

Forgive Our Sins

DETROIT

1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You
 2. How can your par - don reach and bless The
 3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The
 4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And

taught us, Lord, to pray; But you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew: How small are oth - ers'
 bid re - sent - ment cease. Then, by your mer - cy

grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 debts to us, How great our debt to you!
 rec - on - ciled, Our lives will spread your peace.

NICENE CREED

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,
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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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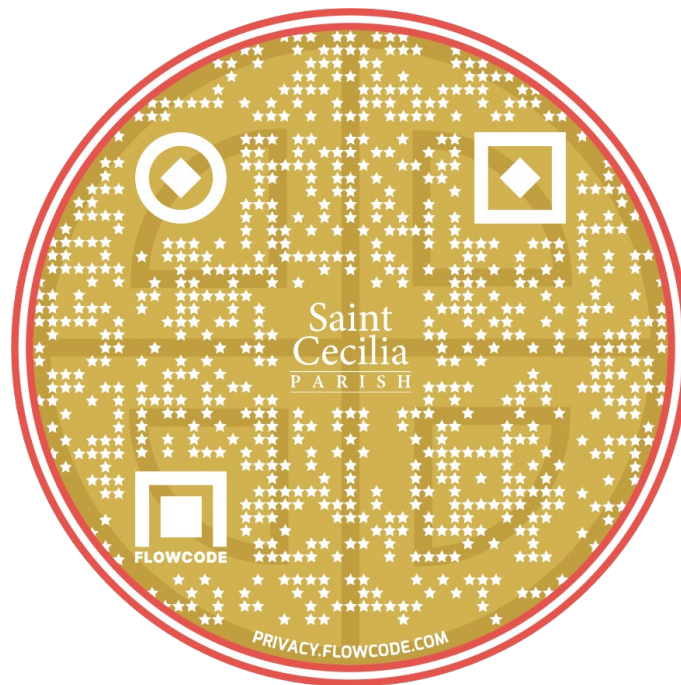
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | In This Place

Trevor Thomson

Verses



1. We are all hun - gry peo - ple, we need
2. All our lives are a mys - t'ry; we see
3. Though the world may tell us to
4. In the bread that is bro - ken is the



shel - ter and strength. We are one in our
not where they lead. We are asked now to
look at our - selves, we reach out to an -
Christ that re - stores. As we take, now re -



hurt - ing, we are one in our pain. In our suf -
trust you and we know we must be - lieve. As our feet
oth - er where suf - fer - ing dwells. As our hands
ceive him, we find love ev - er - more. As the bread



f'ring and sad - ness, we are saved by the grace
be - come Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace
be - come Christ's hands, we are healed by the grace
be - comes Bod - y, we are filled with the grace



of the pow - er and the Spir - it that is here in this place.

Refrain



We are gath - ered at ta - ble as one in the Lord.
**to - geth - er*



We are gath - ered as peo - ple who are liv - ing the Word.

Our hearts and our spir-its are nur - tured by grace. It is
 Je - sus who fills us. He is here in this place.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ✘ The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
- ✘ Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
- ✘ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right and just.

SANCTUS | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

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



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
 A-nun - cia - mos tu muer - te, pro - cla - ma - mos tu
 Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.
 re - su - rrec - ción. † ¡Ven, Se - ñor Je - sús!

AMEN | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
 Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

- ✠ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 All: And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
 world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an "Act of Spiritual Communion." When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.

COMMUNION | O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell



1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
cern my pur - pose from a - far, And with
known its mean - ing through and through. You are
search for shel - ter from your light. There is
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: Ev - er the
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: In ev - 'ry
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: E - ven the
won - der of who I am, I praise you: Safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
mo - ment of life or death, you are.
pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Refrain

U-bi ca-ri-tas, u-bi ca-ri-tas et a - mor, where

char-i-ty and love meet, God is there: In our care for all, we

live this call to wash each oth-er's feet. U-bi ca-ri-tas

De-us i-bi est. U-bi ca-ri-tas De-us i-bi est.

Verses

- 1. Sow in us kind-ness that we may nour-ish,
- 2. May we be com-fort in times of sor-row,
- 3. Breathe out your free-dom for those held cap-tive,
- 4. Help us to reach out be-yond our cir-cles,

grow in us good-ness that we may care.
 may we bring heal-ing to those in pain. For in our
 breathe in us wis-dom to walk with you.
 teach us to love all as you have said.

giv-ing, we share in God's love poured out for all.

Refrain

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

Verses

1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry,
give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

COMMUNION CONGREGATIONAL REFLECTION | Tree of Life

Aaron Thompson

Refrain

Turn our hearts, turn our minds, make us branch - es hold - ing
fast to the vine. Pa - tient Keep - er, draw us
to your ten - der mer - cy, Tree of Life.

CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL | The Cross of Jesus

Francis Patrick O'Brien



1. Come, O God, re - new your peo - ple,
2. Deep with - in cre - ate a new heart;
3. In the dark - ness that sur - rounds us
4. Call us forth to walk in jus - tice;



We who long to see your face.
Melt a - way the win - ter chill.
We have lost you from our sight.
Res - cue us from sin and grave.



Strength - en hearts that have grown fee - ble;
Help us now to make a new start;
E - ven though your love has found us,
Through the pow - er of your Spir - it,



Fill our lives with truth and grace.
Help us now to know your will.
We em - brace the powers of night.
Breathe in us the breath that saves.



On - ly you can win our free - dom;
Washed in wa - ters of for - give - ness,
Scat - ter now our deep - est dark - ness;
Strength - en us in our com - mun - ion,



On - ly you can bring us peace.
Cleansed in wa - ters of new birth,
Guide our hearts in - to the light.
One in Word and cup and bread.

On - ly in the cross of Je - sus
Lead us to the cross of Je - sus,
Join us to the cross of Je - sus.
Here with - in the cross of Je - sus

Will the cap - tives find re - lease.
Bring - ing life to all the earth.
Help us set our liv - ing right.
All who hun - ger will be fed.

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