

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Psalm 27 (26):8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Entrance Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days - ERHALT UNS, HERR

1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e -
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con - sumed in
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To you be

1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
2. God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
3. from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's
4. fast and pray'r with you; Our spir - its strength - en
5. ev - 'ry pray'r ad - dressed; Who are in three - fold

1. things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.



First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14**



R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid? **R**
2. Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.
Of you my heart speaks;
you my glance seeks. **R**
3. Your presence, O LORD, I seek.
Hide not your face from me;
do not in anger repel your servant.
You are my helper: cast me not out. **R**
4. I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. **R**

Second Reading **Philippians 3:17—4:1**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the

power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation **cf. Matthew 17:5**

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him. **R**

Gospel **Luke 9:28b-36**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**) *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.

Offertory Hymn

Transfigure Us, O Lord - Bob Hurd

Refrain

Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and

where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

Verses

1. Down from heights of glo - ry in - to the depths be - low, the
2. Light for those in dark-ness, the hun - gry have their fill, glad
3. Par - don for the sin - ner, a shep - herd for the sheep, a
4. To the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, you go; your

1. love of God self-emp-tied, the love of God to show. You
2. tid-ings for the hum-ble, the heal-ing of all ills; in
3. drink of liv - ing wa - ter for all who thirst and seek, and
4. face set toward the end - ing, the cross to be your throne. 7

1. light the path be-fore us, the way that we must go.
2. these we glimpse your glo - ry, God's prom - is - es ful-filled.
3. feast-ing at your ta - ble, the low - ly and the least.
4. Shall we jour - ney with you and share your pasch - al road?

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.

Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in

ex-cél-sis.

Memorial Acclamation - Heritage Mass

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

Amen

All
A - men.

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

A-gnus De-i,* qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

A-gnus De-i,* qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

A-gnus De-i,* qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Communion Hymn The Body of Christ - Sarah Hart

Verses

1-3. This is the Bod - y of Christ, } beau - ti - ful, bro - ken and
word be - come flesh by his
gath - ered in hope and in

1. blessed; mir - a - cle of the great - est of loves, }
2. grace; mir - a - cle of a mys - t'ry no tongue }
3. faith; bound by this love, this Bod - y and Blood he

1. pres - ence of God in our midst. This is the Cup that he
2. ev - er could ful - ly ex - plain. This is the Blood of the
3. of - fers a - gain and a - gain. All of the hun - ger we

1. shares, end - less - ly emp - tied and poured; sac - ri - fice
2. Lamb, gift of a heart o - pen wide; poured from the
3. have, sat - is - fied on - ly by this; so we re -

1. made so that we might be saved } now and for - ev - er - more.
2. Cross to the al - tar where love } com - forts and fills and pro - vides.
3. ceive, we re - mem - ber, be - lieve and share so that oth - ers may live.

Refrain

A - men, a - men! We are healed by the Bread of life.

A - men, a - men! We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.

We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.

Recessional Hymn Change Our Hearts - Rory Cooney

Refrain

Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our
minds this time, your life could make us free. We are the peo -
- ple your call set a - part, Lord, this time change our

1-3 to Verses Final

hearts. hearts. This time change our hearts. This time
change our minds. This time change our hearts, change our hearts.

Verse 1

1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams, one foot in

1. par - a - dise, one in the waste; drawn by your prom - is - es,
to Refrain

1. still we are lured by the shad - ows and the chains we leave be - hind. But

Verses 2, 3

2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, of - f'ring a - bun - dan -
3. Show us the way that leads to your side, o - ver the moun - tains -

2. ces, full - ness of joy. Your milk and hon - ey seem dis - tant, un -
3. and sands of the soul. Be for us man - na, wa - ter from

to Refrain

2. real, when we have bread and wa - ter in our hands. But
3. stone, light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

Stewardship Prayer

Written by Fr. Philip M. Forlano

Heavenly Father, we come to you in thanksgiving knowing that all we are and all we have are gifts from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will.

Speak your words into our hearts, that we may hear you clearly, and that our hearts may be conformed to the heart of your Son, Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we, as a parish family, may be united and renewed in your grace and reveal the face of Christ to the world. Kindle in us the fire of your love and the desire to be generous stewards in placing our time, talent, and treasure at the service of others.

Through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and St. Charles Borromeo, make us attentive to the needs of others, fervent in charity, and abounding in good works. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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